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## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

### HANGING OF MR. STOKES.

ANOTHER CONGO STORY.  
London, Sept. 6.—The "Bien du Peuple," in its edition of to-day, gives some details on the Stokes case. It says that Maj. Lothaire's expedition column, 600 rifles strong, reached Kilunga, on the Iutri River, towards the end of December, 1894. The execution of the Arab chief Kibongo took place at the beginning of January, 1895, and Mr. Stokes was hanged three weeks later. The Government of the Congo State was informed of all that passed at Kilunga by letters which were despatched from that place in the beginning of February and arrived in Brussels in the middle of June. Moreover, private letters addressed to their families by the Belgian officers serving in Maj. Lothaire's column gave full particulars of the case. They stated, among other things, that the number of Mauser rifles belonging to a German commercial house, the hiding place of which was revealed to Maj. Lothaire by Mr. Stokes, was 150. These letters further announced that Kibongo behaved with great dignity on the occasion of his trial by court-martial before Maj. Lothaire, and that he maintained a proud undaunting demeanour when he had to face the firing party told of to execute him. It was only after his death, and when they had nothing more to fear from him, that the other native chiefs revealed to Maj. Lothaire the nature of the relations which had subsisted between their late chief and Mr. Stokes.—REUTERS.

In an interview which the Central News representative had with Mr. A. B. Stokes, C.E., Belfast, the latter stated a very heavy indemnity would be claimed from the Belgian Government on behalf of the relatives of his murdered brother.

### MASSACRES IN CHINA.

ARREST OF 120 PERSONS.  
Hong Kong, Sept. 6.—The leader of the attack upon the missionary station at Ku-cheng and the initiator of the massacre has been arrested. Chinese soldiers attempted to kidnap him so as to secure the reward offered for his apprehension. The total number of arrests is now 120. Twenty-three prisoners have been convicted, but no sentences have been pronounced, as the Viceroy of Fukien demands the right to review the evidence.

SANGUINARY BATTLE IN CUBA.  
Key West, Sept. 6.—According to private advice received here from Cuba, a battle was fought on Aug. 31 near Santiago, and was of a desperate character. The insurgents were under the command of the famous chief, Antonio Maceo, and were handled with great skill. The Spanish troops, it is stated, were ultimately routed, losing eight officers and 600 soldiers killed and a large number wounded. Among the latter was Col. Canellas.—REUTERS.

BRITISH OCCUPATION OF EGYPT.  
Moscow, Sept. 6.—The Moscow "Gazette" continues the agitation lately commenced in a portion of the Russian press for the settlement of the Egyptian question, and promises France Russia's support in the matter, at the same time advising the French Government to create difficulties for Great Britain wherever possible, in order to compel the latter to carry out her undertaking in regard to the evacuation of Egypt.—REUTERS.

SUPPRESSION OF Nihilism.  
Cracow, Sept. 6.—Investigations continue in connection with the recently discovered secret revolutionary society in Russia. Up to the present over 900 persons have been imprisoned, and a great quantity of bombs, dynamite, arms, and pamphlets have been confiscated.—CENTRAL NEWS.

MAIL STEAMER RUN AGROUND.  
Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 6.—The mail steamer Britannia has run aground. The passengers have been landed and the vessel is being lightened, and it is hoped that she will be saved.—REUTERS.

RUSSIAN TRADE WITH CHINA.  
St. Petersburg, Sept. 6.—The "Turkestan Gazette" announces that, recognizing the necessity of promoting the development of Russian commercial interests in Western Mongolia, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs have despatched a consular agent to Koko, in that Chinese province, where he is to make a stay of some duration.—REUTERS.

### GERMAN MANOEUVRES.

Stettin, Sept. 6.—In anticipation of the arrival of the Emperor William on his way to attend the grand manœuvres in the town, especially the route from the railway station to the Castle, is gaily decorated with bunting. The public buildings and many private houses are decked with garlands and flags, the festive array of the town hall being particularly noteworthy. Large crowds are thronging the streets, the number of sightseers having been largely swelled by the influx of the rural population from the neighbouring districts. Prominent on the route of the procession for their magnificence are the decorations on the Monument-square, the Parade-square, and the Konigsplatz. The Empress, who has requested that there shall be no official reception in her honour, will arrive at five minutes to four o'clock this afternoon, and will be followed a few minutes afterwards by the Emperor, who comes on board the Grille.—REUTERS.

### UNITED STATES NAVY.

New York, Sept. 6.—It is announced this afternoon that the new battleship Indiana, which is still in the hands of the builders, Messrs. Cramp and Sons, at Philadelphia, will have to be taken round to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in order to be dry docked for purposes of cleaning and general overhauling. The explanation given is that the United States does not possess a dry dock sufficiently large to admit the Indiana. The necessity of having to make use of British accommodation for such purpose is causing a good deal of comment on the shortcomings of the Navy Department.—CENTRAL NEWS.

HEALTH OF THE ZAREWITCH.  
Copenhagen, Sept. 6.—Prof. Leyden, who has just left Bernstorff Castle after a month's

ing the Zarewitz, is understood to have strongly urged the immediate removal of the imperial patient to the Caucasus.

FRENCH RAILWAY SCANDAL.  
Paris, Sept. 6.—The "Figaro" says that the South of France Railway scandal will be productive of many surprises in regard to the persons of position who have received sums irregularly paid by the company.—REUTERS.

### SITUATION IN ARMENIA.

Colomb, Sept. 6.—The Constantinople correspondent of the "Cologne Gazette" states that Russia and France have not yet officially declared their adhesion to the demand of Lord Salisbury that representatives of the three European Powers shall take part in the work of the committee of supervision for Armenian reforms, but that assent is daily expected. The Sultan is resisting this proposal with remarkable obstinacy.—CENTRAL NEWS.

### LORD MAYOR'S VISIT TO FRANCE.

On Friday Sir Joseph Renals, Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, Maj. and Mrs. Parkinson, and Mr. J. H. Renals, left the Holborn Viaduct terminus of the L.C. & D. Railway for Paris. The state coach and horses had preceded his lordship. On arrival at the station the party were received by Mr. H. Bowman, manager of the Holborn Viaduct Station, who travelled in the same train to Dover. The departure was in every way an unostentatious one, but a large concourse of spectators had gathered outside the entrance of the station and lined the approaches from Holborn. A number of the City aldermen and councillors were present. The Lord Mayor will be received by the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava at the British Embassy, in Paris this (Sunday) afternoon, after his visit to the offices of the Republic at the Elysée, and to-morrow (Sunday) the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress will spend the afternoon with the ambassador and Lady Dufferin, who have returned to Paris from Walmer to receive them. The last occasion of a Lord Mayor's official visit to Paris was in the exhibition year—1882—when the then Chief Magistrate (Sir James Whitehead) was received by the late President Carnot.

ACCIDENT AT EAST CROYDON.  
London, Sept. 6.—Col. Addison held an inquiry at East Croydon respecting the railway accident on Aug. 31. The company were represented by Mr. J. Richardson (traffic superintendent), Mr. Lopez (permanent way superintendent), Mr. A. Richardson (locomotive superintendent), Mr. Souter (station-master), Mr. Harris (traffic inspector), and others.—Frederick Taylor, guard, said he had been employed as guard for 20 years. His hours of work were from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. On the day of the accident he left London at 5.7. The train was made up of 14 vehicles, and in front was the Eastbourne portion. He was riding in the front van of a first-class coach, in which the sleeping apparatus was fitted. He usually slept at Hayward's Heath, and the East Grinstead coaches were slipped at Horley. All went well until nearing the north signal box at Croydon, when his van commenced to jump about, and he was thrown up into the air and fell down, but caught hold of the brake wheel and applied the Westinghouse. He could not see, as the van was full of dust which enveloped the apparatus. The coupling was right before he started.—Col. Addison: Perhaps that would contribute to the accident. —Taylor, continuing: The coaches ploughed up the permanent way for 150 yards. Several passengers were injured, but not one complained to him. The brake he had only had twice.—Col. Addison: I should like to have the history of the brake.—Taylor: They were travelling at 45 or 50 miles an hour.—Charles Nicholas, known on the line as "Old Nick," with 32 years' service as guard, corroborated. He had a wound on the head as the result of the accident.—Frederick Mountfield, chief guard of the train, said he had charge of the Eastbourne portion when the accident occurred. He first noticed something wrong by the train jerking. It was thrown down, the luggage of the van covering him. He tried to get his brake to act, but unsuccessfully. The van made a violent drop, and there was an awful crash. It was a miracle the wheels did not go on to the platform.—Mr. Richardson, traffic inspector, said the whole of the damage to the train did not amount to £250.—After taking the evidence of Thomas Hillman, Richard Gardner, and others, the inquiry was adjourned.

### FINED FOR DILUTING BEER.

At Wood Green, Frederick James Williams, landlord of the Rising Sun public-house, Southgate, was summoned for diluting beer.—Mr. Dennis, who prosecuted, said a barrel of beer was tested and found to have been adulterated with 20 per cent. of water. This made the per barrel 9c more, amounting in all to between £4 and £5 a week on the defendant's rates. This was, therefore, a serious fraud both on the public and the Revenue.—Mr. J. Avery, for the defence, said he had not been long in the house, and had to trust to other people. It was done without his authority.—Fined £20 and costs.

### SUSPECTED CHILD MURDER.

At Ebury Buildings, Mr. Troutbeck held an inquest on the body of a newly-born male child, found floating in the Thames, of Lawrence Wharf, Pimlico.—H. Lawrence, caretaker at the wharf, said he noticed the body of the child was resting on a chain.—P.C. 556 A, gave evidence as to the removal of the body to the mortuary.—Dr. Gallie said the body was much decomposed, and had been in the water from 10 to 15 days. The child was well nourished. On the left side of the head, behind the ear, was a considerable swelling, the result of an effusion of blood. The lower jaw was completely fractured. It was evident that the child had had a separate existence. Witness did not think that death was due to drowning, but to the blow, which in his opinion was given directly before the child was thrown into the water.—Verdict: Wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.—REUTERS.

An cutlery grindstone at Sheffield burst, injuring two men, one of whom is not likely to recover.

### ANARCHIST OUTRAGE IN PARIS.

#### BOMB AT ROTHSCHILD'S BANK.

##### IS THE PRISONER INSANE?

Following on the sending of an explosive letter to Baron Alphonse de Rothschild at his private residence in Paris, an attempt has been made to blow up the Rothschild bank premises in the Rue La Fayette. About 3.30 p.m. on Thursday the policeman on duty outside the bank observed a man, who was evidently concealing something beneath his coat, entering the building. The policeman's suspicions being aroused, he followed the man, and caught him at the foot of the staircase leading to the first storey. The individual in question was at that moment holding a bomb in his hand and applying a lighted match to the fuse projecting from it. On becoming aware of the policeman's presence he threw the bomb violently to the ground; but, owing to the fact that the landing was thickly carpeted, it did not explode. Immediately afterwards the man rushed back into the street, closely followed by the policeman; but realising that his chance of escape was small, he suddenly stopped short, took a sword from his pocket, and, rushing at his pursuer, seized him by the throat. The policeman succeeded in shaking him off, and with his drawn sword struck the razor out of the culprit's hand. By this time a small crowd had collected, and, a second policeman also appearing on the scene, the man was finally secured after a severe struggle and conducted to the police station in the Rue de Provence. Here, after being searched, he was questioned by the Police Commissary, but obstinately refused to speak, and was removed to one of the cells. In the meantime the bomb had also been brought to the station, whence it was taken to the offices of the public analyst.

##### STATEMENT BY THE PRISONER.

The author of the attempted outrage was subsequently transferred to the Central Police Station, where he was visited by M. Puybaraud, the Director at the Police Prefecture of the Service of Inquiry and Surveillance over the Anarchists. M. Puybaraud declares that he had been struck with the extreme resemblance of the miscreant to the Anarchist Paveles, who committed the outrage in the Madeline, and that he would not be surprised to find that they were brothers. On being re-examined prisoner abandoned his attitude of silence, but obstinately refused to give his name, all efforts to induce him to do so being without success. He made an open confession of Anarchism, and declared that his placing of a bomb in the Rothschild Bank was to be regarded as a genuine Anarchist attempt. The explosive letter, he added, was merely a hoax. The bomb alone could produce a salutary effect. He further informed M. Girard, Chief of the Municipal Laboratory, that he had himself made the bomb, and that he only regretted he had not taken sufficient precautions to secure its explosion. He had intended to light the fuse with a lighted cigarette, but the ashes on the latter prevented the fuse from catching fire, and then, owing to the arrival of a police agent, he was further balked in his purpose of exploding the machine by throwing it. A razor and a shaving-brush were found on the prisoner, and this leads to the belief that he is a barber's assistant. He is a man about 33 years of age, of very dark complexion, and with closely cut hair and a slight moustache. At the time of the attempted outrage he was wretchedly clad in a dark-blue jacket, grey trousers, and a collarless flannel shirt. Some remarks made by the prisoner since his arrest show that he must have lived at Montmartre for some time, and an active search is being made by the police in that quarter.

##### PRISONER UNKNOWN.

A Paris telegram of Friday says:—No fresh fact of importance has transpired up to the present regarding the bomb outrage at Mme. Rothschild's bank. The identity of the author of the attempt has not yet been established, as he refuses to give his name. His handkerchief is said to be marked with the letter "V." It is reported that the Prefect of Police believes the man to be insane. The "Matin" says that the bomb is so small, and its construction seems to be so faulty, that its explosion would probably not have caused serious damage. A police inspector states that he has seen the prisoner at night in the Halles and the Place Maubert, which are known to be then frequented by bad characters. A commissary of police remained on Thursday night at the Prefecture and is ready to start immediately on the track of accomplices. The man is not known at the Prefecture of Police or by the detectives as a member of the Anarchist fraternity. No indication of his identity has been obtained from his examination at the Anthropometric Department.

##### BOMB EXAMINED.

The bomb has been opened. It contained 65 grammes of chlorate of potash and 15 grammes of ordinary gunpowder, and was so badly made that it would not have exploded had the prisoner succeeded in igniting the fuse. The bomb contained no projectiles. The prisoner's identity is unknown to the police. His photograph has been taken at the Anthropometric Section, and 500 copies have been distributed in Paris and London.

##### SENSATIONAL CLUE.

The Paris "Temps" says the police are following a sensational clue to the outrage at Messrs. Rothschild's.

##### ALLEGATION AGAINST A SCHOOL MISTRESS.

If all that was told to the magistrate at Highgate is true, a state of things exists in the Board schools that should be stopped, and at once. A lady complained that one of the teachers at the Long-lane, Finchley, Board School, had struck her child over the nose with a pointer, and this was not the first time she added, that her children had been assaulted. One of them, some four years ago, she said, had been pushed against a desk with such violence that she had lost part of her ear. Hitherto she had been content with apologies for the children's ill-treatment, but now, in the interests of other people's children, as well as her own, she asked for a summons against the present offender. One must make allowances for a mother's feelings, but in the interests of all concerned it is well that the request was granted, and the matter will now be thoroughly sifted in the court.

### LATEST NEWS ITEMS.

#### HOME.

The "Gazette" notifies that Mr. Cory Francis Corry-Wright has been appointed deputy-lieutenant for Middlesex.

Thomas Gill, miner, has been killed near Rowley, Staffs, he being the fifth Thomas Gill of his family who perished similarly.

Elsie McCallum, 10 years old, daughter of the chairman of the Bangor (county Down) Town Commission, succumbed on Thursday from the effect of eating unripe blackberries.

The "Gazette" states that the Queen has granted the dignity of a baronet to the Right Hon. A. Forwood, of the Priory, Gatacre, in the County Palatine of Lancashire.

At the annual meeting of the colliery managers at Manchester, it was stated that over 20,000 more colliers were employed in 1894 than in 1893.

The "Freeman's Journal" states that Sir Frederic Leighton is at present on a visit to Cork. He visited the School of Art, and was much pleased, promising to renew his visit at some future date.

At Bow-street, Sir John Bridge made an order for the extradition of Adolf Reichwein, alias Fischer, 36, a commercial traveller, of Brady Buildings, Whitechapel, who is charged with larceny within the jurisdiction of the German Government.

At Marylebone, Charles Sammons, 28, a chimney sweeper, living at Portsmouth Mews, Maida Vale, was committed for trial on a charge of having shot James Cross, with intent to do him bodily harm. Prisoner belonged to the 18th Middlesex Volunteer Corps, and was landlord of the house in which the prosecutor lodged.

The local taxation returns for the year 1893-94 are published. It appears that the total amount of poor rates raised during the year for all purposes, including the sums contributed by Government in lieu of poor rates, was £17,743,664. This amount was greater than the amount raised during the preceding year by £1,212,258.

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# WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK.

A TALE OF LOVE AND WAR.  
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## CHAPTER XIV.

"IN THE NAME OF THE LAW!"

The arrival of the Deputy Grébaudau, the friend of the Count de Fournier, the evident anxiety of the Duchess, hurried message which presently took the duke away, sudden rumour that a troop of the National Guard was stationed within the gates of the Chateau, and a report made by Captain Marcy to a well-known tramp that the King's Guard were a prisoner and the Tuilleries in the hands of the people, created considerable uneasiness among the guests bidden to the espousal of Mathilde de Louvet with Henri Lavelle, Count de Fournier.

A few more, more timid than the rest, had ordered their horses. Others, recognising the possibility of trouble, had sought advice in a secret way as possible from leaders and friends of the party of order to which they belonged. A group of well-known royalists had been interrupted in council by Grébaudau and Marcy while chatting together upon the terrace, and several ladies had been warned by their less venturesome lords to make ready for their departure.

In the midst of the general uneasiness the duke entered the chief saloon, leading in his daughter, with the count by her side, no longer in his uniform, but dressed in the style of the Court of Louis XV., a costume which the duke had worn at the coronation of his unfortunate successor.

A general murmur of surprise and satisfaction greeted them. The duchess, at the moment, was speaking with the Deputy Grébaudau. They both turned to see the general gathering round the lovers and the duke, while at the same moment the notary and his clerks were making their formal entry, the master of the ceremonies, in the drawing room for "Monsieur le Notary."

An alcove in the salon, hitherto concealed by a portiere, was uncovered, showing a table and writing materials, at which the notary and his officials took their seats.

"I present to you, my dear friends and neighbours," said the duke, "my daughter, Mathilde Henriette Hortense de Louvet, the contract of whose espousal with Henri Lavelle, Count de Fournier, you honour us by being present to witness."

Vivat and shouts of "long life and happiness" greeted this announcement. "There has been an unfortunate delay in our proceedings," continued the duke, "but the duchess and I both heartily invite you to assist us in concluding this breach of punctuality at supper; and permit me further to remark that those of our honoured guests who do not accept our poor hospitality for the night will find sufficient escort with flambeaux provided by our master of the horse."

The duke had once upon a time rejoiced in a magnificent establishment, which had been administered in a right royal fashion; but on this occasion it was a trifle grandiloquent and misleading to talk of the master of the horse, who was no more than his chief stableman, his horses consisting of fewer than half-a-dozen, but such arrangements as he had been able to make for attendance upon those who might require torch-bearers or guides were on a fairly liberal scale. The ceremony of betrothal should have taken place before sunset, though it was expected that some of the guests would remain over their wine until late. Many were staying in the house; others had come long distances; a few from regions in the suburbs of Paris, which were in those days practically in the country, cut off to a great extent from the immediate news of the capital.

Hardly had the duke finished speaking and the others of his guests subsided when voices in altercation were heard from the entrance to the salon; and before his grace could turn to inquire the cause of it, the Commissary of Police, in his mace, attended by his company of gendarmes under the command of the officer who had interrogated Pierre Grappin, forced their way into the room, the commissioner uttering his shibboleth. "In the name of the law!"

Almost at the same moment the ladies were put aside, and the gentlemen, with few exceptions, drew their rapiers. Grébaudau and his friend, Captain Marcy, remained apparently unmoved.

"Henri Lavelle, otherwise Count de Fournier, I arrest you, by order—"

The rest of the commissioner's words were inaudible, a group of young bloods surrounding the count with shouts of protest and resistance.

The duchess and most of the other ladies retired to the further end of the room, attended by several unarmed guests endeavouring to assure them that nothing serious was about to happen.

"Messieurs," said the duke, with Mathilde on his arm, a pale but firm and dignified spectre of the scene, "I crave your pardon, monsieur le commissaire, this lady is about to sign a marriage contract with the gentleman you claim the right to arrest. Pray let the ceremony proceed, and then we will discuss your uninvited presence at the Chateau de Louvet."

The commissioner glanced at Grébaudau, who turned away.

"Monsieur le deputé is surely not concerned in this!" said the duke, who had noticed the glance of inquiry which Grébaudau had avoided.

"Except to regret it," said Grébaudau, promptly. "But the law is the law."

"And persecution is persecution," said the duke.

"It shall be so," exclaimed the Vicomte Languedoc, stepping forward. "Let the ceremony proceed, Monsieur le due."

"Monsieur le Capitaine," said the commissioner, turning to the commander of the gendarmes, "do your duty!"

"Fix bayonets!" said the captain, and the ring of the grounded arms rung along the marble floor.

"Messieurs," exclaimed the Deputy Grébaudau, "let me be mediator between you. If it be possible, out of respect to the occasion, monsieur le commissaire, let the—"

have his way. The ceremony first, may render their movements convenient."

"The ceremony!" shouted the duke's partisans, "and no arrest!" "Forward!" commanded the captain of the gendarmes, and therupon Captain Marcy drew his sword.

"For God's sake!" shouted Grébaudau, flinging himself between the soldiers and the excited royalists. "Let it be as the master of the house wishes."

"Nay, by God, it shall be so!" said the Vicomte Languedoc. "Monsieur le Capitaine, release yourself from her father's arms and placing herself in front of the vicomte. "This is a peaceful hour, loyal to the nation. Do not you, monsieur le vicomte, defy the Duke? And you, Monsieur Grébaudau, who have the power, order the withdrawal of these gentlemen who have outraged the peace of a private house."

"Let me beseech you!" said Mathilde, releasing herself from her father's arms and placing herself in front of the vicomte. "This is a peaceful hour, loyal to the nation. Do not you, monsieur le vicomte, defy the Duke?"

"Nay, dear," said Mathilde to the count, "do not deny me."

"Why will you go?"

"That at least I may know where you are," she said, her lips trembling with emotion.

"We only change the Chateau for our hotel in Paris," said the duke, "and our word may be useful to you. The President of the Assembly knows how much I have done for France."

"Alas, he knows what I, too, have done for her this day!" said the count.

"Let it be as my father wishes," whispered Mathilde.

"As you will," replied the count. "At least we shall be near the King and Queen when they may need us."

The duchess had several times spoken aside to Grébaudau, and had evidently been reassured by his replies to her questions.

"It shall then devolve upon me to complete the sadly interrupted duties we owe to our friends who have honoured our hospitable intentions," she said.

"You will not need the escort of Captain Marcy," said the count to the

"Assuredly not; we will travel in your company—by your leave, monsieur le commissaire."

"But you shall have my passport, in case of need," said Grébaudau, going to the notary's table, and writing a few lines which he handed to the duke; and almost at the same moment he slipped into the commissioner's hand a still briefer note, the three words of which the suspicious and wily Joseph deciphered. "Deliver them, nevertheless," was the traitorous message, or surely Joseph was dreaming.

Half an hour later the guests, some of them supine, others fortified by copious draughts of wine, began to disperse, and the commissioner of police and his guard were on their way to Paris with their prisoners. De Fournier rode one of the duke's horses, between two mounted gendarmes. Three of the company were an advance guard, carrying flambeaux, for the night had come down with a darkness that was but little redeemed by the new moon. A cumbersome family carriage, containing the duke and Mathilde, brought up the rear.

But Joseph had disappeared.

"He will have the honour to await monsieur le due at the Lion d'Or," said the postillion, as he mounted for the journey.

"The varlet!" said the duke.

"That was the message he bade me deliver, with his profound respect," said the postillion.

"I surrender my sword," said the count.

"And I myself to accompany him," said Mathilde.

"That may not be," replied the commissioner.

"You shall not part us," cried Mathilde, clinging to the count.

The company stood by in doubt and sorrow, some having sheathed their swords, others still clutching their weapons threateningly.

"Put up your swords, messieurs, until a fairer opportunity offers for their use."

"Let me see the commissioner's authority for your arrest," demanded the vicomte.

The commissioner presented it. The vicomte handed it to the count.

"It is in order," said the count.

"Messieurs, it is well that we obey the law."

At a later period the count and his friends would have been more cheerful, but the cause of it, the Commissary of Police, in his mace, attended by his company of gendarmes under the command of the officer who had interrogated Pierre Grappin, forced their way into the room, the commissioner uttering his shibboleth. "In the name of the law!"

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"Let the escort be withdrawn," said Grébaudau.

"When this assembly, which has threatened the majesty of the law, withdraw to their homes," said Captain Marcy.

"Messieurs," said the duke, "it is well we submit, and lay our complaint before the Assembly."

"Be sure the Government will do you justice, monsieur le due," said Grébaudau, who from the first had feared the result of an encounter between his small force and the duke's company; "and will second your appeal with all my heart."

"Enough," said the duke. "But I pray you escort me to the same lodging with my friend. I am equally criminal in being a king's man and wishing well to France. Moreover, with the consent of my friend, Henri, I would have fought you to the death, as he should have surrendered."

"It may not be," said the commissioner, "but I do not doubt the com-

"The surrender of the count and the willingness of the duke to accompany him had completed the depression of the belligerent guests.

"At the same time, monsieur le commissaire," said Grébaudau, "we may not prevent the citizens of Paris, if it is their will," inspired by a wicked thought of making Mathilde a prisoner also, and at La Force, not at the Conciergerie, with de Fournier.

"Citizen duke!" repeated Vicomte Languedoc, with a sneer, though Grébaudau thought the combined title a clever concession to both sides.

"We will go to Paris," said the duke.

"A rescue, messieurs!" exclaimed the older Delaunay, "a rescue!" at which those who had not already risen to their feet got up with a clatter of swords and spurs.

"What becomes of the nobility if they do not stand by their order?" they do not stand by their order?"

"Monsieur le Capitaine," said the commissioner, turning to the commander of the gendarmes, "do your duty!"

"Fix bayonets!" said the captain, and the ring of the grounded arms rung along the marble floor.

"Messieurs," exclaimed the Deputy Grébaudau, "let me be mediator between you. If it be possible, out of respect to the occasion, monsieur le commissaire, let the—"

"Il vous plait, messieurs," remarked Joseph.

"Again my father's last words," said the younger Delaunay. "A rescue, messieurs!"

All eyes turned to Monsieur Bertin.

"It is a serious step," he said.

"Far more serious if we allow the

martyrdom of this unhappy day to

be swollen with blood we need; far

more serious to fang that sweet crea-

ture, the betrothed of our friend

Henri, into the brutal arms of the

treacherous Grébaudau," said Gale-

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"Damn the enemy!" said Delaunay.

"None," said his brother; "a cut

or two, none so bad that we cannot be

our own surgeons."

"Very well. Mount the two Swiss."

"Place him before one of his com-

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burial."

Jean, who had proved his loyalty

and his valour to the satisfaction of

his master, assisted Pierre to lift the

dead body in front of the Swiss who

rode the captain's horse.

"Ready all!" shouted his brother.

"Forward, then, for the rendezvous;

and ride like the devil!"

(To be continued.)

road, speedily passing the Lion d'Or, Joseph in the boot, de Fournier and Monsieur Bertin galloping one as ad-

vance, the other as rear guard.

"Now, messieurs," said Delaunay.

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"Agreed!" came the hearty re-

sponse; and the young officer of

dragoons led the way to the stables.

In a few minutes they were mounted

and in the road. The night had grown lighter. The crescent moon shone like a jewel with a few scattered diamonds here and there.

"At the bend of the road, by the forest," said Pierre, "would be a good station for action."

"If we fight, let each man mark down his quarry."

"We shall attack on foot," said the Swiss soldier, giving instructions to his comrades.

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## OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

Arrangements are being made for utilising the old building formerly occupied by the Royal College of Music as a sort of preparatory institution for younger and less advanced pupils, who would later on be passed on to the principal college. There was at first some difficulty in arranging how to prevent pupils at the lesser institution from announcing themselves as belonging to the Royal College of Music; but regulations have now been framed that there is no possibility of the college name being misused. From the commencement of the first term in 1896 the college will be divided into an "upper" and "lower" division.

Sir Augustus Harris does not lose much time in securing artists for his Italian opera season next summer. He has already engaged Madame Melba, Calvè, Sembrich, Lola Beeth, Meisslinger, Oltzka, and Brain; M. Alvarez, De Lucia, Bouvard, Plancon, Arimondi, Castlemare, Vaschetti, Ancone, Giliberti, and Pini Corsi; with Signori Mandolini, Bevignani, and Seppilli as conductors. Sir Augustus is also in negotiation with Madame Adelina Patti, Madame Albani, and Madame Emma Eames; while I believe that, by the time these lines appear in print, the popular impresario will have concluded engagements with the accomplished brothers Jean and Edouard de Reszke.

Mr. Vert has arranged a long provincial tour for the celebrated pianist Herr Moritz Rosenthal, extending almost up to Christmas Day. The gifted virtuoso has also been engaged by Mr. Arthur Chappell for two of the Popular Concerts, Monday, Nov. 12, and Saturday, Nov. 20. Herr Rosenthal will then be heard for the first time in chamber music here.

I am pleased to hear that the Carl Rosa Opera Company will probably have a short season in London after Christmas. With the exception of a few performances at Drury Lane in 1890, the troupe has not performed in the metropolis for eight years. A good many musical people will be glad of an opportunity for hearing "Jeanie Deans," the successful work of the young Scotch composer, Mr. Hanish McCunn; and the revised version of Sir Arthur Sullivan's "Ivanhoe."

It is said that the late Dr. Root once offered to sell his song "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower," to a music publisher for £120, which was refused; but a royalty given instead. The song speedily became famous, and in less than two years the music publisher had to pay £600 in royalties for the song which he could have purchased for less than half the amount.

The Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey have given £500 towards the construction of an organ case in the abbey as a memorial of England's greatest Church musician, Henry Purcell. On Nov. 21, the bi-centenary of the composer's death, a great commemoration service will be held in the Abbey, when Purcell's "Te Deum" and some of his anthems will be performed by Dr. Bridge and the Westminster choir. The proceeds of the service will be added to the handsome sum given by the Dean and Chapter for the purpose I have already mentioned.

Various operas have been named for the opening night of Mr. Hedmont's season at Covent Garden next month. I believe the choice lies between "Carmen" and "Tannhäuser," the latter work being the one which will most probably be chosen, unless Mr. Hedmont prefers keeping it for performance on Oct. 19, the 50th anniversary of its production at Dresden.

Although Sir Arthur Sullivan is already possessed of the rough outlines of Mr. Gilbert's libretto for their new opera, he does not expect to begin working at the music until after the Leeds Festival, which begins on Oct. 2. It is, therefore, pretty certain the opera will not be ready for production at the Savoy Theatre until late in December.

Mr. G. H. Betjeman has issued a most attractive programme for his Highbury Philharmonic Society concert. Gluck's "Orfeo," Stanford's "Revenge," Dvorák's "Stabat Mater" and "New World" symphonies, Max Bruch's "Beautiful Helen," Ferdinand Hiller's "Song of Victory," and a recital of Bizet's "Carmen," are all announced for performance. Mr. Betjeman is at present enjoying a well-earned holiday at one of our most delightful south coast resorts.

The name of Madame Adelina Patti is so closely identified with music of the Verdi, Mozart, and Rossini schools that it will surprise some people to learn that the famous prima donna is an enthusiastic admirer of Wagner's works. Madame Patti frankly owns that "Chengrin" is her favourite opera, and, at it is her wish to play the rôle of Elsa when she makes her final appearance on the operatic stage.

Mr. Wilhelm Kuhne played at a concert in Hamburg last week for the benefit of the poor of the city. After a brilliant performance of Weber's "Concertstück" by the accomplished pianist, the municipality presented him with a laurel wreath and an album containing views of the principal places of interest in the neighbourhood.

Probably no modern song has become more quickly popular in a short space of time than the Marquis de Leuville's ballad entitled "The First Kiss." The composition has now been arranged for orchestra and military bands, and is daily played at nearly all the regimental quarters and seaside resorts in England.

Mr. Dudley Buck, the American tenor, who has been engaged by Mr. Hedmont, is a son of Mr. Dudley Buck, composer of "When the Heart is Young," and many other charming songs, popular here and in America.

There are five of the late Mr. Carrodus's sons among the string instrumentalists who will perform in the orchestra at the Leeds Festival.

## BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

A correspondent at Woolwich asks me to insert a note concerning the "ticking" of an insect which he finds a great nuisance in his abode. The ticking is probably "hat" or the death-watch beetle, which is often found in old wooden buildings. The noise is caused by the beetle striking its mandibles against the hard substance upon which it is resting, and the probable reason for so doing is that the insect in this manner attracts the attention of its mate. If the ticking is imitated by tapping the finger nail on the table, the beetle will generally answer. I hope my correspondent is not of a superstitious turn of mind; if he is his discomfort may be accounted for. It is supposed by fanciful people that the ticking of this tiny beetle foretells death in the house, and for this reason it has been named the "death-watch."

An interesting addition has lately been made to the bird gallery in the Natural History Museum in the shape of two huge photographs of colonies of sooty terns and albatrosses on their breeding grounds. The picture of the sooty terns was taken from an island in the Pacific to the N.W. of the Sandwich Islands, and the ground is covered with immense numbers of these birds. They build

no nest, but lay their single egg on the sand. The albatrosses were photographed on Layman Island in the Sandwich group, and they are present in far greater numbers than the terns, being literally packed together over acres and acres of ground. These birds likewise lay only one egg. There is such an abundance of these single eggs, however, that shiploads of them are collected and exported. A good account of the albatrosses on the island and the egg industry is given in the Hon. W. Rothschild's splendid work, "Avifauna of Laysan," which is now in course of publication.

Another very interesting exhibit, also recently added, is the case of Japanese fowls in the central hall of the museum. These birds are a race of the domestic fowl, and the males are remarkable for the enormous elongation of some of the tail feathers. One of the specimens mounted in this case possesses a tail nine feet long. It has been stated that specimens have been known with tail feathers double this length. The hen birds have also elongated feathers in their tails, but nothing like those of the males, being, perhaps, about as long as an ordinary cock's tail. In Japan the birds are kept in a pen raised some feet above the ground, in which there is hardly room to move about. The feathers of the tail hang down, and are in this way protected from coming into contact with anything and being injured.

The case of the wandering snake, about which we have read so much in the papers lately, has at last come to a climax, and the owner of these reptiles has had to pay rather dearly for their escapades. True it is, as the counsel for the defendant in the action at the police court urged, snakes are quite harmless creatures, but, notwithstanding this fact, the weirs are all shut, there is little stream, and a superabundance of weed. He has taken two jack of 4lb. and 3lb. respectively from Hampton Deep, and during the last two hours of the evening some good roach have been had. A gentleman spinning at the top weir took two jack on Monday last, at the largest scaling gill.

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When Miss Lillie Bellmore goes into management, as she says she intends to do, many good wishes will go with her. Her appearance in "The Shop Girl" have made her very popular with Londoners. Previously to that, she had not many, certainly not many, opportunities. It will be recollected that she was for a long time with Mr. Wilson Barrett. She, too, belongs to a well-known theatrical family. In some respects she is the most notable of the younger comedienne, having a breadth of style which is usually lacking. In broad comedy she should always be successful.

I am glad to hear that clever little Miss Winifred Fraser is not going to America, her engagement to Miss Nethersole is only for the provinces. She is far too admirable an actress to be lost to London. I shall never forget her excellent performance in "The White Duck"; it struck me as quite perfect. Miss Louise Beaudet also does not go to America, her association with "The Artist's Model" touring company extending only to the provinces. Later in the autumn she will return to town, and take part in Mr. Edwards's new production at Daly's.

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I understand Mr. Eldridge's special train to Fulborough and Ambridge will run every Sunday throughout the present month from London Bridge at 6.30 a.m., as hitherto. It will also run during October, but will not then leave until 7.45 a.m.

The Western Pictorialists, meeting at the Berwick Arms, Berwick-street, had a fine show of fish at their last meeting, the day's catch amounting to 1st. In all Of these, Mr. H. Phillips had 20lb. of fine tench from Norfolk, and some over 3lb. each.

Among the events of the coming week Mr. F. Goodwin's lecture at the Graham, Masons Hall Tavern, on Tuesday is sure to be well worth attending, and but for the fact that "Old Izaak" contemplates taking a short holiday he would certainly be among the company.

## GENERAL CHATTER.

The Shahzada has gone, and we all wish him a pleasant journey home. One of his latest acts was to give a most generous donation to one of our London hospitals. The prince came to us well supplied by his father with pocket money, and he has made good use of his spare cash in many ways. If he would only write a book when he gets back to Cabul, he could no doubt say many things which would make his last hosts "sit up." It is instructive, if not always pleasant, to see ourselves as others see us, especially when the others are such unsophisticated observers as a young man from Afghanistan. But, then, those Easterns are so polite!

There has been a small scare at Grimbsy about a case of cholera. No doubt it was cholera, but, according to Dr. Klein, not Asiatic. That is no consolation to the relatives of the victim, but it means a good deal to the Grimbsy people, for home-bred cholera does not spread.

The Local Government Board has been well advised in sending down an officer, and it is to be hoped that the local authorities will be on the alert. Grimbsy suffered terribly from the scourge two or three years ago, and nobody quite knows how long cholera germs retain their vitality.

So far as London is concerned, it is really wonderful that the public health is so good. With the thermometer at 80 degrees in the shade, as it has been this week, a high temperature for September—it would not be surprising if a good deal of what is sometimes called "summer sickness" prevailed. The latest death-rate, however, is only about 15 per 1,000, which is only half that of some of the provincial towns. We owe a good deal more to our municipal Radicals than to the much more checked upward spread of the sport. From all quarters I hear of the enthusiasm of the new recruits, how they are using their "bikes" in all sorts of unexpected ways, and thus still further emphasizing the value of the machine regarded simply as a means of locomotion.

Regarding some remarks which I made last week about the increasing use of Lager beer, a correspondent writes to me:—"I quite agree with you. The consumption of German beer in England is largely on the increase. English beer affects the head and deranges the digestive organs. But if German Lager beer is brewed in England the system adopted in Germany as regards fermentation and ingredients must be strictly adhered to. Any more imitation will be a mistake, and end in failure."

## JACK ALLROUND.

I have been asked by "Nellie," "Ostend," and "Mrs. W. P. W." for a few "apple dishes or methods of cooking apples other than apple tart or souffle." Apples cooked with tapioca make a very nice dish. Take five or six good-sized apples, peel them, and remove the cores, then fill the core cavity with sugar and powdered cinnamon, much or little according to taste. Put a small piece of butter on the top of each. Now put the apples into a baking dish, and pour round them about a cupful of uncooked raw tapioca, which should previously be mixed with sugar and grated lemon peel, to suit taste. Then fill the dish with water and put it in a gentle oven, where it can cook slowly till apples and tapioca are done.

Another dish, known under the name of "apple devil," is a great favourite. Take about thirty good baking apples, peel and core them, then weigh and slice them into a little water, adding an equal weight of lump sugar to the apples and the juice and peel of two lemons cut very thin, two ounces finely grated ginger, and, if you like to have it very hot, half a teaspoonful of cayenne but this may be omitted. Boil these all together till the apples look quite clear; apples boiled in this way will keep good for years, and can be used as a preserve or kept for making up the following dinner or luncheon dish.—Beat up the whites of four eggs till you get them very stiff, and while beating sprinkle them with a little powdered sugar. When you have got the sugar and egg into a very firm condition pile it upon some of the preserve, previously placed in a dish, and put it in the oven till nicely browned. It is equally nice when served hot or cold.

"E. B." wishes to know how to make crazy china work. The materials to provide yourself with are a quantity of small broken up bits of china of all colours and shapes and some good well worked and not too dry putty. This can be got at the painter's or the oil shop, and you can knead it in your own hands till you get it properly flexible. You will also require some gold leaf or gold paint—the former, of course, is the best. Take your china vase or jar or piece of woodwork—for woodwork, such, for instance, as the long-handled drawing-room bellows, answers quite as well as china for this style of decoration. You cover the jar or other piece all over with the soft putty and then take up one by one the little bits of broken china and firmly press them into the putty, carefully leaving intact the slight ridge of putty raised between the pieces by the pressure of the china. When all is covered set your jar aside until the putty is quite hard and dry through and through. After that you finish the work by carefully gilding all the ridges or putty that appears between the bits of china. There is scope for the exercise of skill in the dexterous arrangement of the colours and management of the putty, which ought to be as little as possible, that appears between the china bits.

## VOLUNTEER GOSSIP.

The 5th West Middlesex held a most important field firing competition at the long range butt at Stockwell, Brixton, on the 21st last, put at the honorary colonel, Gen. Sir Gordon Cameron, K.C.B., who was present and took great interest in the proceedings. Maj. Terry, the adjutant, who acted as umpire, announced that F Company had won with 63 hits. The individual prize fell to Capt. Hutton, 8 hits. Skirmishing practice at figure targets took place from 1,000 yards up to the butts, over very rough ground.

There was some wonderful shooting at Ilford on Wednesday in the North London Rifle Club, and the leaders in the fight for the championship for distanced all their opponents. Lieut. Richardson, L.R.B., has improved his score and now stands first with an aggregate, far in excess of the previous record of 1,002. Yet he does not claim the coveted distinction of first, for Capt. Carter, 3rd Middlesex Artillery, is also behind with 1,002; and Colr.-sergt. Howe, 2nd London, with 1,078, may still make up a lot of leeway. These leaders are followed by two redoubtable men of Capt. W. Luff, L.R.B., 1,070, and the champion of last year and many other lights, Colr.-sergt. Howells, 2nd East Surrey, 1,064.

The Middlesex Battalion Cup was shot for at Disney on Monday. Only four teams put in an appearance, although five regiments entered. As the contest is open to all the Middlesex corps, City of London, and Tower Hamlets, it was but a poor compliment to the new secretary of the Middlesex Rifle Association that so few could be induced to take part. In all distances it seemed in the hands, but finally the Queen's Westminster Rifles, with 518 points, just snatched victory from the Artists, who made 514. The Hox. Artillery Company were third with 504, and the London Scottish took the wooden spoon with 781. A sweepstakes was held in connection with the competition. Lieut. Varley, R.A.C., took first prize with the fine score of 95; Lieut. Keeler, Artists, was second, 92; Lieut.-sergt. D. Reid, London Scottish, third, 90; Pte. A. Barrie, London Scottish, fourth, 89; and Corp. Underwood, Artists, 27th, 86. Ten scores a side counted at the usual Queen's ranges, and the results were not at all surprising.

The sergeants of the 1st V.B. Royal Fusiliers, in a rifle match with the City of London Militia, were defeated by 7 points. The Militia scores were:—Colr.-sergt. Blackwell, 88; Qmr.-sergt. List, 87; Sergt. Anderson, 85; Sergt. Howlett, 81; Colr.-sergt. Farren, 80; Sergt. Slaney, 80; Sergt.-sergt. of Musketeers, 78; and Colr.-sergt. Hill, 71—total, 632. The Volunteers, Chancery, 76; Bandmaster Caliger, 72; Sergt. Whitton, 67; Colr.-sergt. Walter, 65; Sergt.-instr. Foster, 63; and Assist.-sergt.-maj. Shaw, 62—total, 576.

For the August Cup of the Artists' Corps, shot for at Staines, the best scores were:—Capt. Phillips, 500; Lt.-col. G. J. P. Pte. Brakenridge, 498; Lt.-col. G. J. Pte. corp. Jephcott, 486; Pte. Hindley, 45; and Pte. Corp. Jephcott, 44. The sponors were as under:—Class A: Pte. Bely, 86; and Pte. Brakenridge, 88. Class B: Pte. Burchett, 83. Class C: Sergt. Philkington, 83. Class D: Pte. Pease, 80; and Colr.-sergt. Philip, 73.

The fifth challenge cup for the Volunteers cricket long distance challenge cup took place last week in the neighbourhood of Dunstable. Nine teams were entered, and started in groups of three from Maxwellton. At intervals of an hour, the draw for the hour of starting having been made the previous night. The contest resulted in a win by the 1st V.B. Royal Fusiliers after a very close finish in regard to time with the 3rd V.B. Northumberland Fusiliers.

The most noteworthy feature of the competition was that on a course of 100 miles the difference between the time of the winning team and that of the second was only 1 min. 33 sec., and that whereas the distance occupied 8 hours last year (the winners being the Galloway Rides), it was covered this year in 8 hr. 33 min. 3 sec. The improvement in speed must be accounted for by the hard condition of the roads and weather, also by the superiority of the machines.

Serg.-lvt.-col. Baines, of the 1st Middlesex Engineers, has well earned the gratitude of all regimental stretcher-bearers. It may be remembered that the Geneva Cross, hitherto worn, was rightly withdrawn, as stretcher-bearers, however actually combatants, could not wear the cross without contravening the Geneva Convention.

As the result of representations by him to the Commander-in-Chief, permission has been obtained for efficient regimental withdrawal, as stretcher-bearers, being actually combatants, to wear the Geneva Cross.

REGISTRATION OF INSP. TONBRIDGE.

Chief-insp. Tonbridge, Criminal Investigation Department, Scotland Yard, has sent in his papers of resignation. Insp. Tonbridge is one of the three chief inspectors at Scotland Yard, and was the independent course who probably succeeded the independent ship of Scotland Yard, the public prosecutor and ship of Scotland Yard, and both endeavoured to persuade his successor to withdraw his papers. Insp. Tonbridge was unable, on the grounds of health, to comply with the request. Insp. Tonbridge is well known as one of the most indefatigable and tenacious police officers in the force. He has from time to time had many notable successes in his career, notably the case of the "Crown murder case." Insp. Tonbridge has had over 30 years in the police, and gets the highest pension.

## SOCIETY GOSSIP.

(From the World.) Since Lord Edward FitzClarence was appointed Master of the Household the old practice has been resumed of that functionary going everywhere with the Queen, except to the continent. Sir John Cowen hardly ever went to Balmoral, but Lord Edward has accompanied the Queen to Scotland.

The Queen has appointed Staff-capt. Goldsmith,

of the royal yacht Albatross, as Surgeon-at-Arms,

and the Sergeant-at-Arms, of whom there are eight, are

under the Lord Chamberlain, and have scarcely any

duty except to attend the Sovereign at the opening

of Parliament.

According to the latest arrangements, the Prince

of Wales will go to either Copenhagen or Coburg

this month, and he will only pay a brief visit to

Dartmouth. His royal highness is now expected to

return direct to London when he leaves Hamburg at

the end of next week. The prince is to arrive at

Balmoral on a visit to the Queen on the 21st inst.

His royal highness is going on to Old Mar-

die, where he will be the guest of the Duke and

Duchess of Fife until Monday, the 28th, when he

comes south to Leeds.

The Prince of Wales will probably be the guest of

Mr. Robert Wyndham for two or three days during the month of October at Newby Hall, Yorkshire.

But there is no truth in the report that his royal

highness will attend Thirsk races.

No great was the popular enthusiasm with which

the 11th birthday of Queen Wilhelmina was celebrated

throughout Holland on Saturday, and all attended at

the Hague and Amsterdam, and were warmly received

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## THE THEATRES.

## ADELPHI.

The autumn and winter theatrical season, starting at least a month earlier than in preceding years, has opened last week at the favourite home of melodrama with an adaptation from the French piece produced a couple of years ago at the Porte St. Martin Theatre in Paris. The English version, made by those dramatic experts, Messrs. Brandon and Clement Scott, presents, if not an entirely fresh motive, one which has the advantage of being freshly developed as well as set in a wholly unhampered framework introducing culminating crises and stage effects at once picturesque and interesting. The story, old in incident, but even now in pathos, revolves around a daughter's fall from purity and a father's agony as the terrible truth is disclosed to him, followed by his stern act of expiating vengeance. The action of the story opens upon the sea beach of a French village, where Madeline, the only child of Vibrac, a famous Parisian fencing master, who has come with her to the coast, reveals to her friend and confidant, Therese, as a reason for declining the marriage offer of Jean Olgan, a manly young pilot, that she has become a mother, seduced and abandoned by the father of her child, whose heartless perfidy has curdled her love into loathing. As master of the new lifeboat, to assist at the launching of which the fisher folk are assembled, Olgan is privileged to call upon the maiden he would woo for his wife to give the boat a name, and he uses this pretty custom to avow his affection for Madeline; who, though she has grown to love him, is compelled to deny his suit while Count Henri de Rochefer (Mr. W. L. Anderson).

Therese. The Baron Chantelot.  
(MISS FEATHERSTONE). (MR. HARRY NICKOLS).

consenting to christen the craft, which therupon blessed by the village priest, is urged forward into the sea, so bringing the initial act to a highly picturesque conclusion. A simple girl coming to tell Madeline that the offspring of her shame she cherishes in secret in ill serves to reveal to Vibrac the dishonour of his daughter, from whom, however, he cannot draw the name of her seducer, the scoundrel being Count de Rochefer, his most accomplished pupil at the Parisian fencing school. This scene occurs in Paris, where at the moment he is wrought to frenzy by the disclosure of his child's shame. He is compelled in duty to enter upon a bout with the foils with the count, in the course of which he falls paralysed from nervous prostration. In a scene which follows, while still stricken speechless, he compels his daughter by imperative signs to confess in presence of Olgan the name of her wrecker. The revelation arouses the vengeful fury of the parent while casting the lover into an abyss of anguish. As the result of a duel with a young naval officer, who challenges him for speaking disparaging words of his friend, Olgan, and Madeline, the count, who proves himself a cowardly assassin as well as a seducer, pierces his chivalrous challenger by a foul thrust and kills him. For this murder, as it virtually is, borne witness to by the seconds, the villain is put upon his trial, and there in the court of justice is confronted with his master, who by a strong effort of will has recovered the use of his limbs, who, as an expert, is called upon to explain how the foul blow of the duel could have been given. To do this effectually Vibrac receives permission from Madeline (Miss Millward).



ACT IV.—Vibrac (Mr. William Farnese).

"I am on my last stand." The President Judge, in fence with the accused, that he may illustrate in practice before the court and jury various fencing passes leading up to the thrust, the same naked swords being used as in the death encounter. As the master, after what seems to be serious fainting, comes to the fatal thrust, Madeline, fearful lest her father should renew his paralysis under the excitement he feels in his work, rushes into the court and so disconcerts her wrecker by the sudden apparition that he misses his guard, and the sword of Vibrac, unparrased, pierces his heart, and he falls dead. With this act of undesigned retribution, which it should be said follows a scene in which Olgan, condoning Madeline's disgrace, takes her to his arms as his affianced wife, the play comes to a conclusion. After the first act, which needs much compression, the story held the audience by the strength of its incidents even though these came without the unbroken dramatic continuity demanded for perfect il-

lusion. The unqualified approbation with which the play was received by the audiences was due in no slight degree to its powerful presentation. Mr. W. Terrell, as Therese, the elderly father, a man of character to which he is quite unused, has, perhaps never before performed with so much force of passion and pathos; and the same judgment holds good of Miss Millward in Madeline. They were supported with vigorous exertions by Mr. Charles Fulton, as the pilot Olgan; while the villain was embodied and expressed with marked skill, alike in his meanness and malignity, by Mr. Langdon. Mr. Harry Nichols, as a lively French baron, did his utmost to enliven the scene in a part scarcely worthy of his humour. The play really lies in the hands of these four characters, and that of Therese is acted with a fine emotional gift by Miss Vane Featherstone. Good service in subordinate parts was rendered by Messrs. J. R. Crawford, Julian Cross, E. Pardon, G. Ross, F. Sternroy, Compton Constance, the Medemans, E. H. Brooke, Marriot, Keirness, and Altree. At a call for the authors, Mr. Brandon Thomas only appeared, and after long-continued applause which granted him his audience, explained that his fellow worker, Mr. Clement Scott, was away on duty at Birmingham—few, but fit, words, showing the taste and tact of the speaker.

## AVENUE.

The mirth-moving effects of "The Private Secretary" were once again asserted on the revival by Mr. Charles Hawtrey of this roaring farce on Tuesday at the Embankment theatre as the initial venture of his second essay in management. The imperturbable coolness of his assumption of the plotting Douglas Cattermole has lost none of its natural humour by repetition. Novelty was imparted to the performance by the assumption for the first time of Mr. Wm. Hawtrey, who, though lacking something of the racily unctuous glibbery of the late Mr. Hill, acquitted himself as a good second in the part. As regards Mr. Willis Searie, the new impersonator of that mild-mit of curates, the Rev. Robert Spalding, it may be fairly questioned whether this gentleman does not fully equal alike in wit, voice, and generally ludicrous comeliness Mr. Fenley himself. Certainly it is that the laughter was not less hearty, and continuous, in its crackle than when the piece 11 years ago took the town by storm at one theatre after starting as a comparative failure in another. The farce bids fair to hold its ground in popular favour, while Mr. Charles Hawtrey leisurely rehearses his novelty to follow it.

## TOOLE'S.

Ringing and long-continued applause as Mr. Toole appeared last Tuesday on his own stage for the first time after his long and trying illness was the measure of the cordial esteem in which this genial comedian is held by playgoers generally, as well as by those privileged to enjoy his personal friendship. The part of Mr. Bumble, the cockney mayor, in "Thorough-bred," from which Mr. Toole was compelled to retire after the initial performance of the piece, fitly served for his return to scenes brightened by his presence, all the more that the merry actor was evidently restored to his wonted health and humorous vitality. As acted by its excellent original cast, including Messrs. Billington, Lowe, and Shelton, the Misses Watson and Johnstone, Mr. Ralph Lumley's amusing farcical comedy went as well as ever. At curtain fall Mr. Toole summoned vociferously for congratulations and a speech in propria persona, after thanking his audience heartily for their reception of him, stated that at the end of his season and his lease of the little playhouse he should go on provincial tour with his company, when he would produce a new piece, concerning which he would imitate the new Conservative Government in respect of their measures in preserving a discreet reserve. Mr. Toole will not renew his lease of the theatre, but whoever takes it will have to reckon with the L.C.C. for a multiplicity of structural alterations before the doors can be re-opened to the public.

## GARRICK.

The cheers which greeted Mr. Willard at his appearance on Monday, when for the second time he re-opened the Garrick as actor-manager, gave welcome proof of the firm hold this well-graced actor retains upon the esteem and affection of the playing public. The meritorious success achieved last year on the same stage in "The Professor's Love Story" has evidently given Mr. Willard a "friendly lead" in directing his choice of the play to follow that charming dramatic idyll, for "Alabama," the play now introduced to Londoners, written by the American author, Mr. Augustus Thomas, is characterised by the same exquisite quality of freshness, delicacy, and refinement which distinguished its precursor, but with this difference, that, whereas in the portrayal of Scotch life the sentiment, though never absent, was always in the minor key, underlying the humour in the pictures of American life, drawn as it survived in the South after the civil strife, the humour is subordinated to the sentiment. And while dramatic precedent establishes the principle that sightlessness of story and incident suffice for the expression of gaiety, a stronger grip alike of incident and passion are demanded where feeling predominates. Through all the charm of old-world courtesy and tender grace which pervades "Alabama," the lack of this forceful earnestness, which intensifies if it does not begat illusive interest, was felt, and in an increasing degree as the story developed. The only character in the piece in which individuality has been developed by the dramatist is not played by Mr. Willard, but by Mr. Fernandez. The part is that of an old high-bred Southern planter, whose frank, generous nature has been embittered against the North by the brooding memory of the wrongs suffered by him during the civil war, which not only impoverished him in estate and turned the slaves, who had been his friends, into foes, but—hardest blow of all—robbed him of his son, who had left him to join the Federal Army. After 15 years' estrangement, Harry Preston, who is supposed to be dead, returns—under another name taken by him—to his parental home as engineer of a new railway to be made across his father's estate, and it is upon the revelation of his identity, made in order to heat up now as well as old domestic troubles, that the main lines of the action are laid. Slight though the story is, it is told with such tenderness and pathetic naturalness as enchants the sympathies, if it fails to enthrall the attention or deeply stir the emotions. The subordinate characters, who, if report may be credited, went far to secure the enduring success of the piece in the country of its origin, where their peculiar local humour was fully understood, were scarcely appreciated with equal enjoyment by an audience ignorant of the allusions and unused to the slow sing-song drawl of the Southern dialect. The character impersonated by Mr. Willard affords him few, if any, opportunities either for the expression of the quaint humour revealed in his Professor Goodwill, or for the virile force displayed in his serious assumptions, but he did full justice to his author throughout the play, and notably in a gentle love scene with the heroine, as played with a corresponding sympathy and purity by Miss Marion Terry. Mr. James Fernandez presented a picturesque figure as the kindly prejudiced old Col. Preston, whose grandchild, pretty Carey Preston, found a sweet and simple representative in Miss Agnes Miller. The local colour was imparted by

MR. JOHN MASON, as the elderly, polite, gallant Col. Moberley; and by Mr. F. H. Tyler, as the sly Mr. Tuck, an American J.P. Mr. Cane was seen to advantage as an old negro servant, and Mr. W. T. Lovell made a pleasant lover. A young widow gave grace and beauty to the scene by her presence in the attractive person of Miss Keith Wakeman. The evil genius of the play, a mean, cowardly blackmailer, was impersonated with quiet effect by Mr. Bassett Roe. The setting of the play was highly picturesque, and helped, together with its artistic interpretation by Mr. Willard and his company, to give actuality to the local colour indicative of the dreamy old-world reposefulness of existence in the Southern States.

## PROMENADE CONCERTS AT THE QUEEN'S HALL.

The term promenade concert was almost a misnomer on Saturday, for the floor of the Queen's Hall was so crowded that perambulation was restricted. The two circles were also filled to practically their utmost limits, and no one who saw the large, attentive, and cordial audience will care in future to question the love of the average Londoner for sound music. The programme, as must necessarily be the case on a "popular night," was varied in character, but in the choice of subjects there was no evidence of a tendency to depart from the meritorious level that has hitherto been successfully maintained. Henry Ross thought the evidence did not prove that the spirits found were illicit, and suggested that it should be supplied.—Mr. Fenwick, detective supervisor of Excise, who made the seizure, stated that he had seized 52 stills within the last 10 years, 40,000 gallons of wash, and 7,000 gallons of illicit spirits, all in England, irrespective of Scotland and Ireland.—Mr. Rose: How can you tell the spirits are illicit by the smell?—The Supervisor: Simply by experience. It is a crude spirit and made in a hurry. It has a different taste to the ordinary manufactured spirit.—Mr. John Lidburn, assistant analyst, was called, and gave the result of his analyses. He said it was strong spirit of wine, but very crude.—Mr. Moody said he could not resist a pie of guilt, but he wished to make a few observations in mitigation. The prisoner had been carrying on the business of a wine merchant for the last 10 months, and recently he conceived the idea of making experiments and of taking out a license if satisfactory. There was no evidence that he succeeded in defrauding the Excise, and it was a fact that he had made nothing out of it.—Mr. Rose imposed penalties on all four informations, amounting to £300, with the alternative of four months' imprisonment.—At Marlborough-street, Francesca Bucci, 41, a waiter, before Mr. Hannay to an adjourned summons charging him with having sold on the 22nd, 24th, and 28th of June last, without having a license, beer, spirits, and tobacco at the Roma Club, Charlotte-square, Fitzroy-square, which some months ago was raided by the police.—Defendant was ordered to pay fines amounting in the aggregate to £50, or in default three months.

CHARGE AGAINST A SECRETARY. At West Ham, Edward Parfitt, 34, carter, was charged on remand with embezzling various sums of money received by him for and on account of his employers, the trustees of the National Union of Gasworkers. Committed for trial.

ROYAL AQUARIUM.

The marriage of Lieut. Lord Gilliford, R.N., eldest son of Admiral of the Fleet Earl of Clanwilliam, took place at Douglas Castle, Lancashire, to Mary Douglas-Ham, daughter of the Earl of Iliffe.

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In the present case the accused did his best to avoid the tricycle, with the result that his horse was thrown to the ground.—The Alderman said such men as pensioners were a terror to the public.—21 days. License revoked.

**NEW LIGHTHOUSE AT SPURN.**

After doing duty for upwards of 120 years, the light-house at Spurn will from Sept. 12 cease to shed its lights at the entrance to the Humber, and the new lighthouse, just completed by the London Trinity House, will be used for the first time.

This is of great interest to mariners, for the river, which is the chief shipping channel, and is very difficult to navigate, and anything which will assist in improving this will be very advantageous to those interested in shipping.

The new lighthouse will exhibit lights some of which are different from those shown by the present high and low lights.

Instead of two lights, one high and one low, the new lighthouse will have three subsidiary lights.

It is one of the first on the coast, and the most powerful ever built at Spurn.

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Each light will have a white light visible from 12 miles, will have a white flash light; bright two seconds, eclipsed 12 seconds, visible from the south 22 degrees W. throw W., N. and E. to S. 33 degrees. The three subsidiary lights are—F. white, visible from N. 40 degrees E. to N. 35 degrees W.; over Chester Shire Shire, 30 degrees N. to 35 degrees W.; red light, visible from N. 35 degrees W. to N. 24 degrees E.; over S. and Hailsham, elevation 60ft., above high water; and an F. white light visible from S. 66 degrees E. to S. 64 degrees E. elevation 60ft. above high water.

In constructing the lighthouse many difficulties have had to be encountered.

Huge iron cylinders were used for the foundation, and the base being filled with concrete a thick coating of several feet of the same material was put in.

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## LAST WEEK'S ITEMS.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## SANDOWN RIFLES.

Sergt.-maj. J. Burghersh Forbes died at Newcastle-on-Tyne, aged 76. He was in the charge at Balaklava and was taken prisoner, but afterwards exchanged.

A series of meetings in celebration of the twenty-third national anniversary of the Order of Juvenile Templars commenced at Leicester on Saturday.

It is announced that quarantine against arrivals at Vienna from Messina having been reduced to 36 hours' observation, Austrian vessels will again regularly call at the port.

The German-American veterans, who have come to Germany to attend the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Sedan, arrived in Berlin on Saturday afternoon from Hamburg.

James Hill was found dead last week in a well at Wollscote, near Stourbridge. His head and face were badly burned, and it is thought that in a paroxysm of agony he jumped down the well.

The Shahzadah and suite paid a visit to St. Thomas's Hospital, last week and was shown over the museum, the medical school, the chapel, and the various female and male wards.

At St. Thomas's Hospital on Saturday, Frederick Whiffield, 24, of Gladstone-road, Clapham Common, was treated, having fallen from a bicycle at Kingston, and sustained considerable injury.

The Executive Committee of the Surrey County Council have issued an order for the muzzling of dogs, except those of the boroughs of Guildford, Kingston, Reigate, and Richmond.

The Lichfield Guardians have come to the conclusion that the short service system in the Army produces an army of paupers. They have thus informed the Local Government Board.

Thomas Gill, employed at Warren's Hall, Colliery, Rowley, belonging to the Earl of Dudley, while propelling up the roof was killed by the fall of coal weighing about four tons.

The America Cup Committee and Lord Dunraven met last week and completed the arrangements for the races between Valkyrie and Defender. The victory will rest with the winner of three races out of five over courses of 20 nautical miles.

Daniel Moriarty, 34, porter employed at Covent Garden, fell last week from a four-storey window, at Turner's-court, St. Martin's-lane. His thigh was broken and he was removed to Charing Cross Hospital, in a critical condition.

An inquest was held last week at Dodington, near Newmarket, on the body of Lilian Shapshire. Decided was eating an apple, when a portion of it stuck in her throat. Two doctors were summoned, and whilst an operation was being performed the girl expired.

Sir J. T. Brunner, M.P., on Saturday opened a technical institute at Runcorn. The town was in fete, and the ceremony was made the occasion of a demonstration. Sir John gave a donation of £300 towards the building, which cost upwards of £4,200.

A determined case of suicide was investigated on Saturday at Fingleham, near Deptford. The landlord of the Crown Inn there, an elderly man, named Cox, after attempting to hang himself, cut his throat so severely as to cause almost instant death. Verdict, unsound mind.

The High Peak coroner held an inquest at Wirksworth, last week on the body of Mary Gleeson. Deceased was driving home with some friends when the vehicle upset, the young lady dying from injuries to her head. The coachman is in a precarious condition, and several other ladies and gentlemen are injured. Verdict, accidental death.

The report read at the annual meeting of the Coventry Machinists' Cycle Company, held last week at Coventry, stated that the loss on the year's working had been £27,000, and the previous year £19,000. The report was adopted and the capital was written down 55 per cent. This season's trade was stated to be the best on record.

An English lady named Sampson, who had been staying at Zermatt for some time past and had distinguished herself as an intrepid mountaineer, was proceeding with another lady named Groves and two guides over the Tuftock when she was struck by a falling rock and instantaneously killed. Others injured.

Last week the body of a woman with two little children bound round her waist was seen floating in the Thames close to Blackfriars Bridge. When they were within about five yards of the arch a steamboat passed slowly over them from the pier at the other side of the bridge. The corpses did not reappear on the surface.

Reports were to hand last week of the enormous destruction to crops in allotment gardens at Ponders End and other villages in West Herts by the recent storms. Hailstones about the size of small eggs cut almost everything to pieces, and quite destroyed many of the growing crops. A number of partridges were also killed.

On Saturday Mr. R. W. Brabant, deputy-coroner, held an inquest on the body of George Rutland, bricklayer, Buxton-cottages, Watford, who was killed on the Rickmansworth line on Wednesday night. Evidence was given to show that deceased had no right on the line, but was in the habit of using it as a short cut home. Verdict, accidental death.

Last week the dollies, hammered, and other chain-makers in the South Staffordshire and East Worcestershire districts gave 14 days' notice to their employers, claiming a return to the old list, which represents an advance of about fifteen per cent on the present prices. It is expected that a strike will follow, as the employers have declined to meet the operatives in a friendly conference.

In the election to fill the vacancy on the Huntington Town Council, Mr. A. C. Sweeting (mayor) headed the poll by 161, the respective numbers being: A. C. Sweeting, 389; F. W. Mills, 208. Mr. Sweeting was elected mayor outside the council, but wished to take the first opportunity of a contest. The result has given great satisfaction. Mr. A. C. Sweeting is a Unionist.

At Armley Feast, near Leeds, a cage containing three lions belonging to a travelling menagerie was upset while in course of transit. One of the wheels slipped into a gutter, upsetting the vehicle, which fell upon four boys who were assisting in its progress. One of the lads, named Albert Redshaw, had both legs broken, and was conveyed to the infirmary. The three other boys received serious injuries to their heads. Fortunately, the lions did not escape.

A telegram has been received by one of the Australian Agents-general stating that Mr. Sparks, a well-known resident in Adelaide, South Australia, waited for Mr. Kingston, Premier of S. Australia, in Victoria-square, Adelaide, and attempted to horsewhip him for a personal attack which the Premier made upon Mr. Sparks in a speech. It is stated that Mr. Kingston wrenched the whip from Mr. Sparks' hand and horsewhipped him, afterwards refusing to prosecute the original aggressor for assault.

**MEDICALS.**

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**TACOCHEISTS COMMENCING.** See IMMEDIATE and CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS.

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## ATHLETICS.

## BLACKHORN HARRIERS SPORTS.

FIRE RIDING BY A. J. WATSON.

This meeting took place at Sandham the members of B and J Companies held their annual prize meetings, the conditions in each being those in accordance with third-class firing. The highest totals recorded in B Company were those of Corp. George, 60; Pte. May 55; Pte. Percy 52; Pte. Ridgway 50; Corp. Davis 45; Lance-corp. Barlow 42. Subsequently a competition was held for the "Imbella" Challenge Cup, rounds being fired kneeling at 200 yards, third, chest targets, and the highest score made Pte. Percy, 52. In I Company the highest totals recorded were those of Sergt. Miles 66 (which won in addition to the first prize the "Parker" Challenge Cup), Sergt. Fenn 60; Corp.-sergt. Grover 53; Corp. Mapstone 51; Sergt. Eudier 48; Pte. Montague 46; Pioneer Porter 46; and Sergt. Banham 45.

**THE HOLMS' CHALLENGE CUP.**

The annual competition for the Challenge Cup presented two years ago by the late Mr. Holmes, for Hounds, was contested by the members of the 1st and 2nd Tower Hamlets Rifles and the Volunteer Battalion of the Essex Regiment, took place at Ilford. The conditions attached to the contest were that teams of 10 efficient volunteers should fire seven rounds each at 200, 300, and 400 yards, Betsy targets and marking, and at the conclusion of the trials the team representing the 1st Tower Hamlets Rifles had won the cup with an aggregate of 51 points.

## 2ND WEST KENT.

The third guard of the corporals and privates of the above battalion was given on Saturday, and proved a great success. A concert was held on the lawn, and the numerous audience gave a most enthusiastic appreciation of the various items submitted to their attention. The vocalists comprised some old favourites, and included Messrs. H. Weightman, Alan Cuthbert, H. Knight, Percy Clifford, Lance and Lyle, Bickerstaff, and others. Lance-corp. Parsons gave an excellent rendering of Balfe's "Kilmorey" on the concert. Dancing in the Drill Hall brought a very enjoyable evening to a pleasant termination.

## 2ND W. B. ROYAL FUSILIERS.

The annual battalion prize meeting of this corps was held on the ranges of the N.R.A. at Blyde, when a long list of valuable prizes was competed for. In Series A, open to recruits and any member who had not during the last four years won a prize of the value of £1 or upwards at a competition, the winning marksman was Pte. Price with a score of 79 points. In Series B, the conditions being seven rounds at 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600 yards, the leading winner was Pte. Price with a score of 75. The 12th, the leading winners were in order of merit being Corp. Bannister 115, Sergt. Sharp 112, Lance-corp. 106, Corp. 104, Lance-corp. 103, Lance-corp. 102, Corp.-sergt. 101, Lance-corp. 100, Lance-corp. 99, Lance-corp. 98, Lance-corp. 97, Lance-corp. 96, Lance-corp. 95, Lance-corp. 94, Lance-corp. 93, Lance-corp. 92, Lance-corp. 91, Lance-corp. 90, Lance-corp. 89, Lance-corp. 88, Lance-corp. 87, Lance-corp. 86, Lance-corp. 85, Lance-corp. 84, Lance-corp. 83, Lance-corp. 82, Lance-corp. 81, Lance-corp. 80, Lance-corp. 79, Lance-corp. 78, Lance-corp. 77, Lance-corp. 76, Lance-corp. 75, Lance-corp. 74, Lance-corp. 73, Lance-corp. 72, Lance-corp. 71, Lance-corp. 70, Lance-corp. 69, Lance-corp. 68, Lance-corp. 67, Lance-corp. 66, Lance-corp. 65, Lance-corp. 64, Lance-corp. 63, Lance-corp. 62, Lance-corp. 61, Lance-corp. 60, Lance-corp. 59, Lance-corp. 58, Lance-corp. 57, Lance-corp. 56, Lance-corp. 55, Lance-corp. 54, Lance-corp. 53, Lance-corp. 52, Lance-corp. 51, Lance-corp. 50, Lance-corp. 49, Lance-corp. 48, Lance-corp. 47, Lance-corp. 46, Lance-corp. 45, Lance-corp. 44, Lance-corp. 43, Lance-corp. 42, Lance-corp. 41, Lance-corp. 40, Lance-corp. 39, Lance-corp. 38, Lance-corp. 37, Lance-corp. 36, Lance-corp. 35, Lance-corp. 34, Lance-corp. 33, Lance-corp. 32, Lance-corp. 31, Lance-corp. 30, Lance-corp. 29, Lance-corp. 28, Lance-corp. 27, Lance-corp. 26, Lance-corp. 25, Lance-corp. 24, Lance-corp. 23, Lance-corp. 22, Lance-corp. 21, Lance-corp. 20, Lance-corp. 19, Lance-corp. 18, Lance-corp. 17, Lance-corp. 16, Lance-corp. 15, Lance-corp. 14, Lance-corp. 13, Lance-corp. 12, Lance-corp. 11, Lance-corp. 10, Lance-corp. 9, Lance-corp. 8, Lance-corp. 7, Lance-corp. 6, Lance-corp. 5, Lance-corp. 4, Lance-corp. 3, Lance-corp. 2, Lance-corp. 1, Lance-corp. 0.

**GRASS RECORD LOWERED.**

At Leyton. At the close of the meeting R. H. Almstrong, the Essex cycling champion, lowered the world's record for grass tracks by 9.2 sec. Results: One Mile Flat Race Handicap (Open).—Final heat: G. Edward, Allerton C.C., 55; 2nd: F. Wilson, Surrey C.C., 53; 3rd: W. Ingram, Polytechnic, 31; F. W. China, Midland C. and A.C., 41; E. W. Smith, Surrey C.C., 39. This was the result after a race was run to a protest from Mr. G. H. Weightman, who claimed interference between the two riders.

## HALF-MILE CYCLE HANDICAPS.

## OPEN.

Final heat: E. J. Watson, Queen's Park Harriers, 63 yards start, 1; F. Calder, Polytechnic, 32; 2nd: E. G. Green, S.M.L.C., 34; 3rd: Won on a grand total, 10 yards, Time, 12.3 sec.

## HALF-MILE SCRATCH RACE.

## OPEN.

Final heat: W. Mulvey, Boys' Hall, 10 yards start, 1; F. Bradley, scratch, 2; W. H. Spencer, 3 yards start, 3. Won easily.

## BOYS' CYCLE RACE (UNDER 10 YEARS).

## OPEN.

Final heat: J. Pearce, scratch, 1; F. Bradley, scratch, 2; W. Pearce, scratch, 3; 2nd: H. Bradley, 2, 3. Won by a foot, Time, 13.2 sec.

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name has spent three years' legislative inability, followed by overwhelming disaster at the polls, and the objections to his shadowy personality are sufficient in themselves to warrant a demand for a chief who shall not be a mere figure-head. On the other hand, Sir William Harcourt's influence has suffered severely by his defeat at Derby and his pied-headed patronage of Local Veto. The autumn recess, which is welcome to both parties, will give the Radicals a chance of pulling themselves together, while the strongest Government of modern times is maturing the policy which it will inaugurate when Parliament meets again at the beginning of next year.

#### THE SOCIALIST DEFEAT.

As we predicted last week, the meeting of the Trade Union Congress at Cardiff has been the occasion of a pitched battle between the forces of the Old and the New Unionism. The battle was duly fought out on Tuesday over the question of the new standing orders, and it resulted in the crushing defeat of the New Unionists, and, in consequence of the Socialist doctrine which New Unionism represents. We have already expressed our opinion of the methods by which the Parliamentary Committee obtained for the delegates representing the more conservative unions the practical supremacy at the present Congress which they had gradually lost in previous years. These methods were far from being constitutionally correct; in fact, they were arbitrary in the extreme. But, after all, it is the spirit, and not the letter, of the law that is of real importance. And since the conduct of the committee has now been approved by an overwhelming majority of the Trade Unionists represented at the Congress, it is manifestly impossible to maintain that it has not now received the popular sanction which was previously lacking to it. The opposition to the new standing orders was embodied in a resolution moved by Mr. J. Havelock Wilson, M.P., a personage who has not yet done anything to justify us in regarding him either as a safe guide for the working classes in political matters or as a really representative exponent of the views of the majority of those classes. It is sufficient to say that votes representing the opinion of 60,000 Trade Unionists were cast against the motion, while only 35,000 were found to support it through their delegates.

The two principal changes introduced by the Parliamentary Committee are an increase in the representation of the larger Trade Unions so as to reduce the disproportionate strength of the smaller bodies, and, secondly, the enactment that no one shall be qualified for election as a delegate who is not either actually working at a trade or officially connected with a Trade Union. The first of these changes needs no justification on its merits, as its propriety is sufficiently plain. The second was especially designed to prevent the election of professional agitators, whose views of the interests of Labour are likely to be dictated by selfish considerations rather than by any sympathy with the demands of the genuine working man. The approval of these changes by the Congress is likely to have far-reaching results. It will unquestionably prove a severe blow to the popularity of those doctrines of crude and visionary collectivism which certain half-baked British working men have allowed themselves to be persuaded into believing by the agitators who get their living out of agitation. We may venture to say that the last has been heard, for some time to come, of any such egregious piece of nonsense as the resolution in favour of "Nationalisation" of everything which the Socialists carried at the Norwich Congress last year. The week's proceedings should convince even the blindest of them that the pick of the British working classes are resolutely opposed to the silly schemes of the Continental visionaries, and are in no mood to tamper with the principles by which they have raised themselves to a high level of well-being. The Cardiff Congress has dealt a blow to the Socialists in this country from which they will not easily recover.

#### YEAR'S RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

The annual report of accidents that have occurred on the railways of the United Kingdom during 1894 is issued by the Board of Trade. It shows that 1,115 persons were reported to have been killed during the year, and 4,120 injured, in addition to which the railway companies have returned 70 persons killed and 5,044 injured from accidents which occurred on their premises but which were not connected with the movement of railway vehicles. It must be remembered that under the head of injuries both to passengers and to servants of the companies all injuries however slight, are included. Of the railway servants, 23 were killed and 295 injured while employed in the coupling and uncoupling of vehicles, and 113 were killed and 1,221 injured while employed in various other shunting operations.

#### MISPLACED CHIVALRY.

At Marylebone, Ernest Austin, a dental instrument maker, of Cleveland-street, Fitzroy-square, was charged with assaulting a small boy named James Greenhill, living at Savile-street. Prosecutors and two other lads were conveying a barrow along Wigmore-street on Tuesday evening when the wheels came off. Some cabs came along at the time, and the boys, for safety, carried the barrow onto the footway. The prisoner and a young woman were passing at the time, and the shafts of the barrow accidentally touched the young woman's back. Austin, to protect the young woman, remonstrated with the boys, who used bad language. Austin struck them, the smaller boy with his fist, and the prosecutor with his walking-stick, causing a wound on the forehead. For the defence it was admitted that the boy was struck, but it was contended that the blow was only given with the hand. His head went against the stick by accident. —Adjourned.

At Thames Isaac Rogers, cabman, of Mansell-street, Whitechapel, was charged with furiously driving a horse and vehicle, and with assaulting P.C. 402 H. 20s. or 14 days.

The new battleship Magnificent arrived at the Nore from the Channel on Thursday, upon the successful completion of her official trials, which commenced on Wednesday week.

A telegram from Heywood reports another death from hydrophobia, the victim being a lad named Butterworth, who resided with his parents at Castleton, near Heywood. Several weeks ago deceased was bitten by a dog belonging to his master, but as the animal did not at the time exhibit any signs of madness it was not killed. The youth, however, recently became unwell, and after terrible suffering died.

The Rhayader (Radnorshire) magistrates have committed two policemen, named J. Niblett and A. Thomas, for trial at the next sessions on a charge of violently assaulting a journeyman tailor named C. Rogers, at Rhayader on Aug. 20. Rogers was found by a rural postman lying in a pool of blood, and was removed to Rhayader Workhouse, where his depositions were taken. He is alive but in great danger.

#### INTERESTING PATERNITY CASE.

LINER DRAPER AND LADY.

At Westminster, before Mr. De Rutzen, the hearing was resumed of the paternity summons taken out by Miss Lottie Finlay, daughter of a Camberwell architect, and a late member of Clancy Grahame's "Gainty Girl" stage touring company, against Mr. Fred Coombs, linen draper, in business at Church-street, Camberwell. Mr. Langton appeared for complainant; and Mr. Walter Beard defended. —Complainant, a tall, stylishly-dressed young woman, gave evidence that she made the acquaintance of defendant some three years ago by making purchases at his shop. She said that he visited her at her father's house, took her to theatrical performances, introduced her to his friends, and paid her such attentions that she was led to believe that he intended to marry her. —A singular feature in the case was that overture, it was sighted with one man in her evidently admiring condition. His name was José Marie, of St. Malo, and he was a seaman of the fishing vessel *La Flora*, of St. Pierre. He had been seven days in the boat without food or water, and had had a companion in the boat, who was washed overboard three days after losing sight of their vessel. They had been blown away from their ship by the force of the wind. José Marie was given into the charge of the French consul.

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were made to the complainant, after the issue of the summons, to settle the matter for a money consideration, the person who called to arrange a compromise falsely representing himself as a confidential clerk in the employ of her (Miss Finlay's) solicitor. —The defendant entirely repudiated the agency of the unknown negotiator, and on his oath denied the complainant's story of taking her to a house in Kennington, of subsequently accompanying her to doctor's, and of corresponding with her at Scarborough and Hartlepool when she was on tour with "The Gaunt Girl" company. Her child was born last June, and Mr. Coombs said that he ceased visiting her in December of 1893, when he had a dispute with her father about the payment of goods which she had ordered. —The defendant, now recalled by Mr. Beard, said his acquaintance with the complainant ceased owing to a disputed account for goods supplied. In April, 1893, Mr. Finlay wrote him asking what he intended doing with regard to his daughter. —By Mr. Langton: His intention was to support it through their delegates. —Adjourned.

TRACING STOLEN JEWELLERY.

At Liverpool, Harry Barley and Thomas Mackenna were charged with breaking into several dwelling houses and stealing jewellery and other valuables; and Robert Scanlan, jeweller, of Preston, was charged with receiving a portion of the property, knowing it to be stolen. —J. H. Collingridge, jeweller and refiner, Clerkenwell-road, London, deposed to purchasing parcels of old gold and silver from Scanlan, in one of which was a silver medal and pair of earrings which were identified as having been stolen in Liverpool.

Evidence was given of Scanlan going to Liverpool and purchasing jewellery from the other prisoners for £2. —Remanded.

#### DEATH THROUGH EATING MUSSELS.

At St. Pancras, Dr. Thomas held an inquest concerning the death of Morris Becht, a Dutchman, lately residing at London-street, Tottenham Court-road. —Mrs. Becht, the widow, stated that deceased ate two pints of mussels on Aug. 29, and was afterwards seized with a severe attack of diarrhoea. He took to his bed two days after, and did not again go out. —Dr. Richardson, who attended deceased, said that he dated the diarrhoea from the time deceased ate the mussels. The cause of death was syncope following exhaustion caused by the diarrhoea. The man had been a heavy drinker, and his intemperate habits had accelerated death. —Natural death.

#### SUBJECTS AT THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

The programme of the forthcoming meeting of the British Association at Ipswich promises many interesting topics for discussion. Sir D. Galton, president-elect, will deliver the inaugural address on the evening of Sept. 11. On the succeeding Friday Professor S. Thompson will deliver an address on "Magnetism in Rotation." Professor Frankland will discourse on "The Work of Pasteur, and its Various Developments." Maj.-gen. Webber will introduce the subject of "Light Railways and Telephones in Agricultural Districts. Mr. Stoney will deliver an address on "Weirs and Flood Prevention." Mr. F. Preece on "Telegraphy and Glow Lamps." Mr. Dawson on "Modern Applications of Electricity to Traction," Mr. Mason on "Paper-making Machinery." Mr. Southward on "Printing without Moveable Type," and Mr. Cooper on "Incandescent Lamps." Prof. Hicks will preside in the mathematical and physical science section. Prof. Melville in the chemistry section, Prof. Whittaker in the geology section, Prof. Hardiman in the zoology section, Mr. MacKinder in the geographical section, Mr. Price in the economic science and statistics section, Prof. Huxley in the anthropological section, and Mr. Dyer in the botanical section. Several papers will also be read relating to the massacre of the Chinese missionaries, and to Armenian and South Central African questions.

#### HINT TO THE CHARITABLE.

At the Mansion House, Frances Mills, 47, needlewoman, was charged before Mr. Newland, with stealing from Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, about 8oz. of bread, and a towel, value 5d., the property of the proprietor of the hotel, her master. The case was one of a very painful nature. Prisoner, who bore an excellent character, had been employed at the hotel for several years as a seamstress. On Tuesday evening as she was leaving the hotel the manager stopped her and asked what she had under her cloak. She replied, "some bread and a towel." The manager found that she had some broken bread and wrapped up in a towel. She said, "I took the towel to wrap up the bread for the little ones at home." —P.C. Gregory went to prisoner's residence, and found great destitution there. Prisoner's married daughter whose husband was out of work, and three children lived with prisoner, and her daughter's husband also resided there. —The constable said they were very respectable people. —The manager of the hotel said that it was with great regret that the proprietor had to prosecute, but he did so as an example. Prisoner bore an excellent character. Recommended her to mercy. —Ald. Newton said it was one of the most painful cases that he had ever come before him. He sentenced the prisoner to one day's imprisonment for the unlawful possession of the property, which meant that she would be released at the rising of the court. He deeply sympathised with her. —Ald. Newton gave prisoner's married daughter £2 from the poor box. —He expressed a desire that the press would take notice of the case, in the hope that thereby the attention of some charitably-disposed persons might be called to it, who would assist the prisoner in obtaining employment.

(Signed) RUSSIAN PASHA.

#### LORD SALISBURY AND THE PORTE.

What purports to be the text of a despatch sent by Russian Pasha, Ottoman Ambassador in London, in reference to Armenian Foreign Affairs, has been forwarded privately from Constantinople to Paris. This is what the ambassador is reported to have written: —

I hastened to request an interview of Lord Salisbury, who, while granting it, informed me that, being very fatigued from travelling and by the recent work I began in telling his lordship that the Ottoman Government was far from opposing the execution of Article 61 of the Treaty of Berlin, and that it was in perfect agreement with the signature Powers of that Treaty, but could not admit the control of an International Commission. Here Lord Salisbury interrupted me and said, "It is useless to say any further. I have only to repeat to you what I have said to General, if your Government refuses, we shall appeal to the Powers. We shall demand the assembling of a Congress and shall apply Article 61 with an International Commission. Now, be you to consider that if you continue to offer opposition, this will be the signal for the dismemberment of Turkey." The tears came to my eyes, and I feel overcome in telegraphing to you the account of this painful interview.

(Signed) RUSSIAN PASHA.

#### KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

During a thunderstorm at Bedford, Notts., on Tuesday, a boy, aged 12, named Fretwell Hudson, who had been fishing and had taken refuge under a tree, was struck down by lightning and buried into the river. He was taken out dead. Hudson's two companions escaped, but in a house about 100 yards away was a labourer named Austin Taylor, the wife of a labourer named Austin Taylor, who was temporarily blinded by the lightning flash.

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At St. Pancras Coroner's Court, Dr. Thomas held an inquest concerning the death of Morris Pascoe, aged 50, a cabinet maker, late of 20, London-street, Tottenham Court-road.

The evidence showed that deceased had for a long time been greatly to drink. He would not work, and the wife had to keep the home going by working herself. Verdict, death from exhaustion caused by excessive alcoholism.

#### ACCIDENT AT WEST WICKHAM.

The brake accident which occurred on the 1st inst. at West Wickham, near Beckenham, is of a much more serious nature than was at first reported. The brake contained 10 grown-up people and four or five children, and when half way down Wickham Hill, which is a very steep incline, the horses became recalcitrant and ran into the bank. The occupants of the brake were thrown out, some alighting in an adjoining field. Ten of the excursionists received serious injuries. Lucy Jane Arnold, of Brockley, was admitted to the Beckenham Hospital suffering from concussion of the brain, and she died; Louis Smith, of New Cross, was admitted to the same institution, suffering from a dislocated shoulder and an injured spine, and he is not expected to recover. William Welsh, of Camberwell, has fractured ribs and a sprained ankle; John Charles Smith, of New Cross, has a bad scalp wound and injured ribs; Emily Smith, New Cross, injury to face and body bruised; Ernest Smith, New Cross, left arm broken; Elizabeth Smith, injury to back and face.

#### SEVEN DAYS ADRIPT.

The commander of the steamship *Greece* reports that while on the passage from New York to London, at 7 a.m. on August 23rd, 150 miles south and east of Cape Race, Newfoundland, a dory (or fisherman's boat) was sighted with one man in her evidently adrift. The man was picked up in a very exhausted condition. His name was José Marie, of St. Malo, and he was a seaman of the fishing vessel *La Flora*, of St. Pierre. He had been seven days in the boat without food or water, and had had a companion in the boat, who was washed overboard three days after losing sight of their vessel. They had been blown away from their ship by the force of the wind. José Marie was given into the charge of the French consul.

#### BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY.

Speaking at Inverness, Mr. Finlay, Solicitor-general for England, said that gratification was felt that Lord Rosebery, the late Premier, did not reverse the foreign policy pursued by his predecessor. He thought that whoever might be in power, the rest of the world should have to face a United Kingdom apart from party politics. Lord Spencer should be congratulated that he recognised the propriety of increasing the Navy upon lines initiated by his predecessor. The present Ministry would encourage thrift, and endeavour to lighten the lot of those toilers upon whose efforts the prosperity of this country ultimately rested. They would endeavour to develop and extend their Colonial Empire. That good work should be pushed forward in Africa, and a deadly blow dealt at the accursed slave trade, which had hitherto been the bane of that great continent.

#### THE BACK DOOR TRICK.

At the Guildhall, Richard Amess, 49, who refused his address, was charged with obtaining money by means of a trick. —S. Dible, Fulham-road, coffeehouse keeper, said that on the 18th Nov. prisoner came to him with a card to view his place of business. Prisoner agreed to buy, and promised to call next day. It was eventually arranged that they should meet at the Royal Exchange. When they met prisoner said his name was H. J. Palmer, of Sidney Row, Clapham, and asked the witness to go with him to several places. From one place he ran hurriedly without his hat, and said, "Let me have some silver; I will repay you when I come out and go to my solicitors." He left him £2. He then went to 7, Draper's Gardens, where the accused asked him to wait a minute. He was there for some time but the prisoner never returned, and he (the witness) discovered there was another way from the building. He did not see him again until he was in custody. —Erhardt May, coffeehouse keeper, Clerkenwell Green, said that on Aug. 21 prisoner called on him, giving his name as John Hammeth, of St. Peter's-square, Hammerton. He wanted to buy his business, and agreed to pay a deposit of £10. A meeting was arranged at Holborn Town Hall, whence they went to various places together. He came out of one place in Holborn without his hat, and asked for some silver. Witness told him he had only a sovereign. The accused said, "That will do; I will let you have it again in five minutes." When he came out they went to some office in Holborn, where he again asked witness to wait a minute. He did not return, and he (witness) goes to Hurst Park to have a gamble. —Remanded.

#### ALLEGED ARSON.

A lodging-house keeper named Rows and his wife were charged at Bath on Monday with setting fire to their house on South Parade. The outbreak occurred on the evening of Aug. 19, but the flames were promptly extinguished by the firemen. On the premises being searched a mattress and lace curtains in one of the drawing-rooms were, it was stated, found saturated with paraffin. One witness gave evidence to seeing the female prisoner leave the house (which at the time was nominally unoccupied) 10 minutes before the alarm was raised, and evidence was also given that on the same day a servant fetched some oil from a shop in Walcot-street. When arrested, Mrs. Rows protested her innocence, and said she and her husband had nothing to fear. —Remanded.

#### THREE-CARD TRICK.

Charles Arthur Turner, 36, giving an address in Spitalfields, and describing himself as a packing-case maker, was charged at Southwark with stealing 7s. 6d. by means of the three-card trick. —Mr. Bowden, of Fen-church-street and Streatham, shipper, stated that he was returning from Hurst Park races with some friends when prisoner and his confederates introduced three cards, and invited them to "find the lady." Witness warned his friends not to join in the game, but presented was tempted to do so himself. He lost 7s. 6d., and subsequently gave prisoner into custody. —Prisoner: You tried to win my money, didn't you? —Witness: Yes. —Prisoner: Then you are as bad as me. It is only gambling, not stealing; and everybody who goes to Hurst Park goes to have a gamble. —Remanded.

#### WIFE DESERTION.

At the London County Sessions, George Hackshaw, 41, labourer, was brought up to be dealt with as an incorrigible rogue and vagabond, and for deserting his wife and family. —Mr. Randolph, who appeared on behalf of the guardians of St. Pancras, said prisoner was an able-bodied man, and his wife and four children had been chargeable to the parish on and off since 1892. When they were not chargeable to the St. Pancras Union they were in the Shoreditch Workhouse. His wife had become insane and was confined in an asylum. Prisoner, who was an Army Reserve man, had been twice summarily dealt with for desertion, and had not contributed a penny towards his wife's maintenance. —Five months.

#### DEMONSTRATION OF RAILWAY GUARDS.

On Monday a demonstration of railway guards of the United Kingdom took place in fine weather at Douglas Bay Park. Delegates were present representing the Railway Guards Benevolent Society, which numbers 5,000 members in all parts of England, Ireland, and Scotland. The following railway companies were represented: Great Northern, London and North-Western, Midland, Lancashire and Yorkshire, North-Eastern, Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire, and Hull and Barnsley. An open air concert was given in the park, the proceeds of which were for the Widows and Orphans Fund. Mr. F. Masterman, president, of Birmingham, proposed a vote of thanks to the entertainers, and the motion was seconded by Mr. J. Clegg, and adopted.

#### ENFORCING THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

Mr. Chick, of Bucklersbury, E.C., came before Mr. Taylor at North London and asked a reconsideration of his worship's decision which condemned him to pay £19 5s. for disobedience to a closing order made in respect of some insanitary property in the Mildmay Park district, and in which the Vestry of Islington were the prosecutors. Applicant pleaded that he was only agent to the mortgagors, and must follow their instructions. —Mr. Taylor (warmly): You wilfully disobey the order of the court to obey people who want to perpetuate a nuisance dangerous to the public health. You collected the rents and are responsible in law, and I decline to interfere. —Applicant: And if I cannot pay the money? —Mr. Taylor: Then the law will take the ordinary course. If people were allowed to disobey orders in this way the law could never be enforced.

At Westminster, John Gray, 34, painter, of Elizabeth-street, Pimlico, was charged with stealing two interest warrants, valued at £64 9s. 6d., the property of the District Railway Company. Remanded.

At Bow-street, F. May, 17, was charged with theft. Prisoner was

## LAST WEEK'S LAW AND POLICE.

**City of London Court.**

(Before Mr. Commissioner Kerr.)  
**SLIPPERY CORRIDOR.**—Messrs. Hoekin-  
son and Co., of Bishopsgate-street, sued  
Alfred Gold for £13 for fruit and sweetsmeats  
supplied in June.—The defendant, according  
to his own admission and the evidence, sold  
fruit, &c., on Ramsgate Sands for five months  
during the summer, and for the rest of the  
year he travelled about the country. These  
goods were sold to his brother, and he was  
not a partner with him in the business.—  
Witnesses for plaintiff showed that defendant's  
father and two of his brothers had been served  
with summonses for this. At first they were at White-  
chapel, then they slipped away, but were found at Whitecross-street.—A brother  
of defendant deposed that he had by mistake  
been served with the default summons, and the defendant never knew it. His honour  
remarked that it was a very suspicious trans-  
action altogether. There were the father and  
three sons concerned, and the plaintiff could  
not get his money, and the party served  
would never admit he was the right person.  
If a man could go down to Ramsgate in this  
way during the season and travel about the  
country, and then come up to town to defend  
this case, he must have money.—Committed  
order for 60 days.

### Bow-street.

**THEFT BY A YOUTH.**—Ernest Harold Harr-  
ison, aged 17, a clerk in the employ of the  
Cotton Powder Company, of Queen Victoria-  
street, was charged with felony and forgery.—  
Mr. Molstryne, who prosecuted on behalf  
of the Postmaster-general, explained that  
though the prisoner was not in the employ of  
the Post Office, he was charged with larceny  
of a postal letter and with forging the en-  
dorsement of a cheque for £16 odd. The  
letter was delivered at the prisoner's place  
of employment on July 6, and on the same  
day the accused opened an account at the  
Post Office Savings Bank in the name of Hill,  
paying in this cheque, the amount of which  
he subsequently withdrew. As the endorse-  
ment on the cheque was found to have been  
forged, the Postmaster-general had been the  
loser of the amount, and had therefore taken  
up the case.—Mr. H. J. Seymour, assistant  
secretary to the Cotton Powder Company,  
said that he usually dealt with the letters  
after they had been opened by the cashier.  
On July 6, he was 10 minutes late, and found  
that the prisoner was dealing with the  
letters. The one in question was subsequently  
missed, and it was found that it had been  
stolen.—Committed for trial.

### Thames.

**AN UNNATURAL FATHER.**—George Harri-  
son, 38, chimney sweeper, was charged with  
leaving his four children chargeable to the  
guardians of Mile End.—Mr. Brian, who  
prosecuted, said the warrant was issued on  
May 20, and the defendant had only just  
been arrested at Eastbourne. On May 7 a  
constable found the children of the accused in  
the street, and they had since been in the  
workhouse. It appeared that defendant,  
who was separated from his wife, had been  
in the habit of farming out his children, but  
as he did not keep up his payments people  
would not take charge of them.—Mr. R. C.  
Whayman, relieving officer, said the cost to  
the ratepayers up to the present had been £20.  
He had made every inquiry to find the  
accused, but failed to do so.—Warrant-officer  
Matthey said on defendant being arrested he  
said, "I left my children with a woman, and  
when I came back was told they were in the  
workhouse. I had no place to put them in, so  
I tramped to Eastbourne."—Six weeks' hard  
labour.

### Worship-street.

**AN ELECTION INCIDENT.**—George Hardy,  
23, chessemonger's assistant, was charged  
with having stolen from the person of Mr.  
Gilbert Wood a silver watch and portion of a  
gold chain on July 16th last.—The prosecutor  
was stated to be proprietor of the "Architect,"  
newspaper, published in the Strand. He  
was not in attendance, being absent in Paris.  
The occasion of the robbery was on  
the night of the Finsbury election, in which  
Mr. Wood had taken an active interest. The  
watch and chain were stolen by a sudden  
snatch, and the thief escaped. A Mrs.  
Dooley, living in Old-street, was the sole  
witness against the prisoner, and she said  
that, looking out of her window she witnessed  
the robbery. She gave a description of the  
thief, and the prisoner was arrested on Friday  
night by Det.-sergt. Nicholls, who now said  
the prisoner was "known."—Remanded.

**NOVEL POINT IN A POLICE PROSECUTION.**—  
Mr. Robert Aikin, landlord of the King's  
Arms, Old Bethnal Green-road, was sum-  
moned by Insp. Ellis, J Division, for keeping  
his house open at a prohibited hour.—  
The complaint was that the defendant's  
house was found open at 8 minutes past 11  
on the night of Sunday, Aug. 4.—Three con-  
stables gave evidence as to the time.—Mr.  
Warde, for Mr. Maitland, solicitor, said that  
the defendant's clock was kept 10 minutes  
fast, and contended that he was within his  
time. Further, he submitted that the police  
must give evidence that the time was correct  
by Greenwich mean time, as by the Definition  
of Time Act, 1880. Greenwich time was fixed  
to be taken.—Fined £5; license not en-  
dorsed.

**VERY CURIOUS CASE.**—George Marsden, 30,  
of respectable appearance, described as a  
commission agent of Bulawayo-road, Edmon-  
ton, was charged with stealing £7 from the  
person of George Bassett, in a carriage on the  
Great Eastern Railway.—The prosecutor,  
who lives at Stanley Villas, Pembury-road,  
Tottenham, said he was a sub-manager of  
the Val de Travers Asphalt Company. On

Friday night, shortly after 10, he took a train  
from Liverpool-street to Tottenham. He

was the sole occupant of a second-class car-  
riage. During the journey the prisoner threw  
himself upon him, and, getting his hand into  
his (prosecutor's) trousers' pocket, took out a  
packet containing £7 in gold, and put it into  
his own pocket. He (prosecutor) asked the  
prisoner to return it, but he said he had not  
got it. He denied having it two or three  
times, but on the arrival of the train at  
Bethnal Green Station witness dragged him  
out of the carriage and had a constable called.  
The prisoner, still refusing to re-  
turn the money, was given in charge. At  
the station the money was found in the prisoner's  
pocket.—The prosecutor questioned by him  
admitted that he had known him  
several years, and that they had been to-  
gether for about three hours the previous  
evening and had several glasses of liquor.—  
Having given his evidence, the prosecutor  
said that he had been friends with the  
prisoner for several years, and had no wish to  
press the charge. In fact, he desired to with-  
draw the case.—Corroborative evidence of  
the prisoner's denial was given by a fore-  
man porter of the railway and P.C. 72 J, the  
latter, having found the money in the pri-  
soner's pocket.—He made no defence.—Mr.  
Bushby said he could not allow the case to  
be withdrawn after having heard the facts,  
and committed the prisoner for trial at the  
sessions.—Bail was granted.

### West London.

**SCAMPLISH NEGLECT OF CHILDREN.**—Samuel Brown, of Cavendish-street, Chis-  
wick, was summoned for neglecting his three  
children. Mr. C. Hall appeared on behalf of  
the National Society.—The house where the  
defendant resided was visited by John

Roberts, the local inspector of the society,  
who found a woman with a child by her side  
lying on a dirty mattress in a back room.  
They, as well as the room, were in a dread-  
fully dirty condition. Two other children  
were discovered in another room in a similar  
condition. The officer also found a piece of  
bread and some beef in an offensive state,  
which was all the food in the house. It also  
appeared that the woman was incapable  
of answering questions, and had to be re-  
moved to the infirmary, as she was found to be  
insane.—The defendant said his wife had been  
in that condition for a number of years.—The  
Magistrate: Then why did you not let her  
be sent to the infirmary where she would  
have received proper attention.—The De-  
fendant: I thought she would be better in  
Chiswick.—Dr. Tiley said he had been at  
tending the defendant's wife, who suffered  
from epilepsy. Her mind was affected. He  
gave a description of the dirty state of  
the woman and children.—The defendant  
said he was not aware they were so bad.—  
Subsequently two of the children were brought  
before the magistrate charged with not  
being under proper guardianship, and they  
were remanded to the workhouse in order to  
be sent to an industrial school.—Six weeks'  
hard labour.

**THE BUTLER'S DISMISSAL.**—A young man,  
who said he was employed as butler in Crom-  
well-road, complained of having been dismissed  
without notice or wages.—Mr. Lane inquired  
the reason of his dismissal, and he said be-  
cause he refused to do the housemaid's and  
cook's work. He was the only servant in the  
house, and was expected to get up and  
serve the breakfast. He was not engaged to  
do that kind of work.—Mr. Lane: Of course  
not. If the applicant's statement was true  
he was entitled to recover his wages, but he  
would have to sue for them in the county  
court.

### North London.

**BOY BURGLARS AT HOLLOWAY.**—Louis  
Punchard, 16, errand boy of Grovedale-road,  
Holloway, was charged with being concerned  
with another lad, not in custody, in break-  
ing into a dairy at Whitehall Parade, Arch-  
way-road, and stealing jewellery and other  
articles valued at £610s.; Emma Fisher, 43,  
dealer, of Ward-road, was charged with  
feloniously receiving the property.—Det.  
Sergeant Couchman said he arrested the lad on  
Friday night, and he made a confession after  
being duly cautioned. He said that another  
boy planned the burglary, and last Sunday  
night they went to the house. He (prisoner)  
forced up the grating and his companion  
opened the window and got into the house.  
The accused kept watch, and presently the  
other boy came out and gave him a parcel  
containing butter. He also showed prisoner  
a gold chain, a pair of gold earrings, and a  
silver chain, which he said he had got in the  
house, and said that he "tried" the cash-  
box, but found no money. They pawned the  
silver chain for £1, and took the other  
articles to the house of the female prisoner  
for her to dispose of them. She gave them  
on account, and said she would get rid  
of them. She took the chain and ear-  
rings to a jeweller in the Holloway-road,  
and he gave her 17s. 6d. and another  
chain in exchange.—Mr. A. J. Gomm, the  
owner of the property, said he was away at  
Bournemouth when the house was entered,  
and when he returned he found it had been  
thoroughly ransacked.—The female prisoners  
denied any felonious intent, and pointed out  
that she was a dealer.—Both prisoners re-  
manded.

### Lambeth.

**CURE FOR HEADACHE.**—Alice Elizabeth  
Mills, 17, servant, was charged with attempt-  
ing to commit suicide by drinking a quantity  
of arnica.—P.C. 405 M stated that on the  
previous evening he was called to Dr. Scott's  
surgery in Old Kent-road. He there saw the  
prisoner, and from what the doctor told him  
she took her into custody. The doctor handed  
her a bottle labelled "arnica," and the pri-  
soner then exclaimed, "I took it to cure my  
headache." The doctor informed witness  
that the woman would have to take a large  
quantity to cause death.—Mr. Hopkins: Did  
he say how she got to the surgery?—The Con-  
stable: She was brought there by her sister.  
—Marie Mills said the accused, who was her  
sister, returned home on the previous after-  
noon, and said she had taken poison to cure  
her headache.—Mr. Hopkins: Do you suppose  
she meant to kill herself with it?—Witness:  
I don't know, sir.—Mr. Honkyn: Have  
you ever heard of her doing anything of the  
sort before?—Witness: No.—The prisoner,  
when asked by his worship what she had to  
say, answered, "I had a dreadful headache,  
and didn't want to live."—Remanded.

**A SHOP ON WHEELS.**—Mr. J. Kevel, of the  
Brixton Granaries Stockwell-road, was sum-  
moned for unlawfully setting up a wooden  
structure without having first obtained a  
license.—Mr. Chalvers, for the council, said  
that until June 24 defendant carried on business  
at No. 246, Stockwell-road. He then  
disposed of those premises to Cooper's  
Stores, and between that date and  
June 29 he erected a wooden shop on  
wheels on an adjoining piece of land.  
At the rear there was a covered way, and the  
defendant could either wheel the structure  
under it or keep it level with the pavement  
as he pleased. The structure was composed  
of wood, and was fitted up as a shop. The  
council drew the defendant's attention to the  
matter, and served a notice upon him. To  
the latter no reply was received, and this  
summons was issued.—Mr. Parsons, the  
district surveyor, was called for the defence,  
and said the defendant called upon him with  
regard to the structure in question. He  
came to the conclusion that the building was  
not one that had anything to do with him as  
district surveyor.—Adjudged.

### Westminster.

**VIOLENT GUARDSMAN.**—Alfred Barton, a  
private of the 1st Battalion Grenadier  
Guards, Wellington Barracks, was charged  
with assaulting P.C. 203 B.—Prisoner was  
seen struggling with a comrade in the High-  
road, Knightsbridge, late on Friday even-  
ing. The constable separated them, but  
prisoner again flung himself at his comrade,  
knocking him down and striking him before  
he could regain his feet. When the con-  
stable again interposed he was greeted with  
"Take that, you — turpin," and a kick on  
the shin. With the assistance of two other  
constables and several soldiers, prisoner was  
ultimately lodged at the station. When he  
was being charged a sergeant of the military  
police came forward, and said one of his men  
was originally instructed to take the pri-  
soner to the barracks, but he was so violent  
that the man was overpowered, after having  
been savagely assaulted.—Two months.

**ASSAULTING A CONSTABLE.**—James Read, 19,  
of Bell-street, Westminster, was charged  
with assaulting P.C. Smith, 567 A.—The con-  
stable was called to Tufton-street on the pre-  
vious evening, where he found prisoner be-  
having in a most disorderly manner. A by-  
stander complained of having been assaulted,  
and when remonstrated with prisoner squared  
up to the constable and defied him. When  
taken into custody he was very violent, and  
several of his companions, who followed, re-  
peatedly struck the officer about the head.  
Before the station was reached the latter was  
very severely mauled, and subsequently the  
divisional surgeon placed him on the sick list,  
and was unable at present to say what the  
result of his injuries might be.—Remanded.

**ASSAULTING A PUBLICAN.**—Blanche Phillips,  
31, of Charlwood-street, Pimlico, was charged  
with assaulting J. Debencourt.—Prosecutor,  
who is the landlord of the Windsor Castle  
Middle-row, Knightsbridge, said he had ce-

ased to remonstrate with the prisoner for  
misconduct, when she reached over the bar  
and deliberately struck him a blow in the  
face.—About 13 months ago prisoner was  
bound over for assault.—Twenty-one days.

### South-Western.

**RAILWAY STATION ROBBERY.**—Walter  
Ired, 47, who described himself as a gentle-  
man, residing in Carew-road, Thornton  
Heath, was charged on remand with stealing  
a Gladstone bag containing a quantity of  
clothing, a set of studs, a gold locket, and  
other articles, valued at £15, the property of  
Mr. A. O. Francis, a lieutenant in the 4th  
Hussars, stationed at Aldershot.—The bag  
was stolen from a platform at Clapham  
Junction, where it had been left in charge of  
the inspector. It was traced to the pos-  
session of the prisoner, and found by Det.  
Hopkins under a dressing-table in one of the  
rooms of his residence. The prisoner, who  
had disposed of some of the jewellery for  
£16, stated that he bought the bag of two  
men for 2s.—Mr. Warburton, who repre-  
sented the prisoner, said he did a very foolish  
and idiotic thing by purchasing the bag of a  
stranger.—Mr. Rose: Your ad-  
vocates are hardly applicable. (Laughter).—  
Mr. Warburton: If a man did such foolish  
things he must put up with some of the in-  
conveniences.—A second charge of theft  
against the prisoner was next heard. In this  
case a portmanteau containing clothing, &c.,  
belonging to Mr. J. Squires, of Gambier-  
terrace, Hope-street, Liverpool, was entrusted  
to a porter at West Norwood Station by a  
lady who stated that a gentleman would call  
for it. The prisoner subsequently claimed it.  
This bag, like the other, was found at his  
house. It was mentioned that the prisoner  
had a pass on the line and was well known.—  
Committed for trial; bail allowed.

### Mansion House.

**WHITE GLOVES.**—Mr. Trotter, the assistant  
clerk, informed Mr. Ald. Newton that there  
was neither charge nor summons for hearing,  
and that consequently the alderman would  
be presented with a pair of white kid gloves.  
—Mr. Ald. Newton, in reply, expressed his  
satisfaction at the announcement. The last  
time this occurred at the Mansion House  
was in 1891.

### Hampstead.

**ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.**—Charles Richards, a  
gentleman-looking man, who refused to  
give any information respecting himself, was  
charged with attempting to commit suicide.  
Prisoner appeared to be very ill.—P.C. Jen-  
nings deposed that he was called on Monday  
to find at North-end, Hampstead, where he  
found a prisoner suffering from a wound in the  
left wrist. A sharp penknife was lying by  
his side, and there was a large quantity of  
blood on the grass.—Miss Hoare, sister of  
Mr. S. Hoare, M.P., bandaged the wound,  
and witness took the prisoner to the police-  
station, where Dr. Payne attended to his in-  
juries, and afterwards sent him to the work-  
house infirmary. He remained there until  
Saturday morning, when he was arrested on  
a warrant.—Station-sergeant Coleman deposed  
that when prisoner was taken to the police-  
station on Monday he was asked how he re-  
ceived his injuries. He replied, "I will not  
tell you myself with a knife."—Dr. Payne,  
the police divisional surgeon, thought pri-  
soner was suffering from mental depression.  
—Remanded.

### Stratford.

**COMMITMENT FOR ASSAULT.**—Thomas Dawes,  
of Mansfield-road, East Ham; and William  
Blane, of Wellington-terrace, East Ham,  
were charged on remand with assaulting  
Mary Alice Dodd, a girl of 13.—Mr. S. Jack-  
son prosecuted; Mr. Atkinson defended.—  
The case for the prosecution was that on the  
afternoon of Aug. 21 the girl and two boys  
were in a field at East Ham. She was  
assaulted by prisoners, who said she was tres-  
passing. They afterwards assaulted her.—  
Mr. Atkinson for the defence raised an alibi,  
and called the prisoners, who each said that  
on the day in question they were at home  
and that they did not know the girl.—Cross-  
examined, they admitted that they were  
together on Aug. 21.—Committed for trial.

### Croydon.

**ALLEGED LETTER-BOX THIEVES.**—John  
Nicholls, 24, printer's labourer, and Wm.  
Burke, 19, were charged with attempting to  
abstract letters from a pillar-box in Holland-  
street, Southwark.—The prisoners were cap-  
tured by Det. Kemp 8d. to let him go, and Burke  
said, "Let him go; I will take it all upon myself." Upon Nicholls  
was found a subscription-list for a "friendly  
lead" on his behalf, held at the Harp and  
Marigold on July 27; and a metal time-  
ticket bearing the name of Sir Joseph Caus-  
on and Sons. Prisoners stated that there was  
a third man engaged in the affair, but he  
escaped.—The Post Office officials were in  
attendance at the court, and it was stated that  
an attempt upon the Gravel-lane box had been  
previously reported.—Remanded.

### Greenwich.

**ALLEGED VIOLENT ASSAULT.**—Jas. Rossos,  
40, coal porter, of Stanhope-street, Deptford,  
was charged on remand with violently  
assaulting Elizabeth Silver.—The prosecu-  
tor was now able to appear, but her head  
was bandaged. She said she was sitting on  
her doorstep, when the defendant rushed at  
her and struck her with something, cutting  
her face. He then lifted her by the hair and  
threw her down. Witness admitted that she  
had had five glasses of drink, and had been  
quarrelling, but denied that she had been  
fighting.—The prisoner said he was in bed  
and the prosecutrix was on the doorstep  
making a noise. He could get no sleep, and  
asked her to go indoors. He found she had  
been fighting, and that a crowd was outside.  
The plank leading to the shore was very  
narrow, and had no rail.—William Barrett,  
greengrocer, York-road, said he saw the de-  
ceased in High-street, Battersea, at eleven  
o'clock on Saturday night, when he was the  
worst for drink.—James Attwood, deposed to  
finding the body of the deceased in the  
paddle wheel of the steamboat Jasmine, at  
Battersea, on Thursday morning.—Dr.  
Kempster said death was due to drowning.—  
Open verdict.

**DOCTOR DIFFICULTY.**—Mr. Lewis held an  
inquiry respecting the death of Mary Jane  
Cordery, 14, daughter of a journeyman  
baker, of Laindon-avenue, Stratford.—The  
mother stated that the deceased had lately  
been in service at Dunbar-road, Forest Gate.  
On Sunday she complained so much of pain  
in the head that she had to leave her  
situation. On Tuesday night the child  
woke up screaming. She got worse, and  
died suddenly on Wednesday morning.  
The father said he first went to the relief  
office on Wednesday morning, but was in-  
formed that he had come to the wrong dis-  
trict, and was sent to a Mr. Sayer, at Ed-  
munds-road, Forest-gate. When he got there he  
saw the maid-servant, who said the gentle-  
man was away on his holidays, and gave him  
the address of Mr. Mitchell, of Gladstone-  
road, West Ham. Witness went there and  
saw the gentleman's wife, who said her hus-  
band had gone to Brentwood with a lunatic.—  
The medical evidence showed that death was  
due to congestion of the lungs following a  
cold.—Natural causes.

**SELF-NEGLCT.**—Mr. Hicks held an inquest  
on the body of James Murphy, 58, retired  
grocer, Cottage-place, Battersea.—Joseph  
Murphy, a son, said his father had



## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

The births in London last week reached a total of 2,617, and the deaths numbered 1,336. The Great Fire of London broke out in 1666.

The great philanthropist John Howard was born in 1726.

The September massacres commenced in Paris 103 years ago.

The coin collection in the British Museum now consists of 230,000 specimens.

Mr. Chamberlain denies the story that he is in favour of military conscription.

A slight shock of earthquake occurred on Sunday in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Long Island.

The Lambeth Guardians of the Poor have practically decided to spend £25,000 on the increase of workhouse accommodation.

The anniversary of the Sultan's accession to the throne was celebrated at Constantinople in the customary manner.

Alderney, in the Channel group, has been on fire, the occasion being the laying of the foundation stone of a new pier.

The entombment of Dr. Randall Davidson as Bishop of Winchester is fixed for Oct. 15th.

The appointment of brigade-major, Royal Artillery, on the staff at Gibraltar, has been bestowed on Maj. W. L. White, R.A.

Southern California's orange crop this season has brought to the growers about £271,400.

Mrs. Duncombe, M.P., intends to bring in next session a bill to limit the hours of men employed underground in mines.

Mr. R. B. Finlay, Q.C., new Solicitor-general, was originally educated as a medical man, and obtained the degree of M.D. (Edin.).

A Kirkwall correspondent says that a Norwegian steamer is sunken in Pentland Firth, and lies in about 11 fathoms of water. The masts are seen at low water.

At Chatham, a court-martial sentenced a stoker of the Royal Navy, named James Snell, to 12 months' imprisonment for striking a superior officer.

Col. E. S. Neave, of Manor House, Maidstone, was thrown from his horse on Monday. His right arm was broken, and he sustained other injuries.

The stock in coin and bullion in the National Bank of Belgium is lower by £47,880 than a week ago. The total now amounts to £24,152,80.

The number of failures in England and Wales gazetted during the week ending Aug. 31 was 140. The number in the corresponding week of last year was 147.

Mr. Powell Milbank, M.P., has been appointed lord-lieutenant of the county of Radnor, in the room of Lord Ormathwaite, who resigned.

Comte de Fontalva's mail coach, drawn by six little mules, entered Paris on Monday, after a wonderful journey from Lisbon across the Pyrenees.

The well-known Turin guide, Emilie Rey, was accompanying an English tourist to the Dente del Gigante when he fell down a precipice and was killed.

The quantity of rum sent from Boston to Africa has decreased in the last two years from 1,025,228 gallons to 561,225. The cause of this decrease is not given.

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A recent compilation of New England vital statistics shows that in 1892 21 marriages in every 1,000 of population occurred in the towns of more than 10,000 population, while in the villages and in the country the marriage rate was five less in the 1,000. The

city birth-rate is higher in about the same proportion, but the death-rate is also higher. The first Protectorate Parliament met in 1654.

Villa formerly meant a farm, and not a house.

The total income of the Church of England is about £200,000 a week.

Twenty-one per cent. of men employed in our merchant service are unable to swim.

Hens lay on an average 90 eggs per annum, and the product of a poultry farm averages 72, per hen yearly.

It is in contemplation to form a pure beer market. Several Unionist members of Parliament are at the head of the movement.

A fatal accident occurred at 14, Piccadilly, on Tuesday. While some workmen were engaged at the house a large iron girder fell on one of them and killed him instantly.

Miss Sampson, who was killed by a fall of rocks on the Alps, was a resident of London, and left her home three weeks ago with Miss Growse for her annual holiday.

At the East London Cemetery, the funeral took place of Constable Greenstreet, a popular Plaistow constable, who died suddenly. Deceased was held in the highest esteem.

The counties of Devon, Somerset, Gloucester, Hereford, Worcester, and Kent contain nearly two-thirds of the orchards of Great Britain.

Miss Douglas, the champion amateur markswoman of England, recently scored 57 bull's-eyes in succession with a revolver at 20 yards' range.

It requires about double the power to propel a steamship 21 miles an hour that it does to move along the same vessel at the rate of 16 miles an hour.

Out of 1,486 ex-students of Girton, Newnham, Somerville Hall, Holloway, and Alexandra, the women's colleges of England, only 208 are reported as married.

Essex, Norfolk, and Suffolk are the counties in England which contain the largest number of paupers, and next to them come Bedford, Cambridge, Herts, Hunts, and Bucks.

In the excursion train of the National Sunday League from Waterloo to Exeter on Sunday, a lady passenger was safely delivered of a son. Both are doing well.

Hop-picking is in full swing throughout the fields of Kent. The scene, viewed from the South-eastern line, is animated and picturesque, the fields being crowded with men, women, and children busy at work.

The will and codicil of Mr. F. Engels, the Socialist, who died Aug. 5, at Legent's Park-road, has been proved. The gross personality amounted to £25,155 3s. 11d., and the net to £24,839 12s. 2d.

It was rumoured in Glasgow on Tuesday that the Japanese Government had placed orders for five warships in the hands of local shipbuilders to cost about five million pounds. Some credence is given to the statement.

As many as 26,326 doors and windows in London have been found open at night by the police in one year. Burglary will never be quite played out while householders are so careless.

One of the largest cheques ever drawn was one for over £3,000,000, paid through the Clearing House in 1879 or 1880. It was drawn on Messrs. Glyn and Co., and was paid to the Bank of England.

On Tuesday afternoon a heavy thunder-storm passed over Cheshire and North Wales. The lightning was very brilliant, and rain fell in torrents for a couple of hours. The telephone wires at Chester were severed by lightning.

On Tuesday night a gas explosion occurred at the Shaftesbury Café, 72, Shaftesbury-avenue, by which a window on the second floor was blown into the street, and the curtains were set on fire. The landlord, one waiter, and a barmaid were slightly injured.

London has 1,000 firemen. Paris has 1,300. New York has 1,600. Fires are much more frequent in proportion to the population in New York than in either London or Paris. London loses £1,800,000 a year, Paris £340,000, and New York £2,200,000 by fire.

An English officer belonging to the garrison of Malta has just been robbed of a sum of money and valuables to the extent of 8,000 francs during a railway journey between Brindisi and Milan. His portmanteau had been opened with a false key.

The report of Dr. Klein's examination into the supposed case of cholera at Grimsby was received on Tuesday. Dr. Klein's telegram is as follows: "Microscopic examination and culture give no evidence of Asiatic cholera."

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Milton's letters often allude to his mother in the most affectionate terms.

Michael Angelo was fondest of the Books of Moses and the Psalms of David.

Sleeplessness is one of the greatest dangers to health.

Reindeer milk, and cheese made from it, are said to afford relief in lung diseases.

In 1862 the sands were heated by the sun to such an extent that in a few minutes eggs could be cooked in them.

"Sir Thomas More was very proud of the 'Life of Edward V,'" but left no mention of the "Utopia."

The heat was so intense in 1862 that rivers and springs dried up, and the bed of the Rhine became a sandy desert road.

The Scottists, a religious sect, were the followers of John Scott, born, 1272; died in 1308.

Six ounces of gum arabic are said to be sufficient for the support of a man during 24 hours.

Alcohol was first distinguished as an elementary substance by Albuscius, in the 12th century.

Little oak trees, an inch and a half high, are grown by Chinese gardeners. They take root in thimbles.

The Emperor of Austria reached Aix-les-Bains on Monday. The Emperor is expected to join her on the 17th.

Helvetius declared in his articles of war that soldiers ought to be made to fear their own officers more than they do the enemy.

About a third of the entire population of the world speak the Chinese language or its allied dialects.

In Japan, if a woman is not married by a certain age the authorities pick out a man whom they compel her to marry.

When very full, the biggest ocean liner of all is said to be able to carry £30,000 worth of passengers on a single journey.

Horseless carriages propelled by miniature steam engines are frequently seen on the road between Paris and Versailles.

The Spanish Government has ordered that Oct. 12 shall be an annual holiday, in commemoration of the discovery of America.

A serious riot has occurred between Hindus and Mohammedans at Dhulai, in the Kandesh district. Ten Mohammedans were killed.

Machinery has been invented which rolls iron in such short that 1,800 of them, piled one upon the other, are only one inch in height.

Queen Elizabeth farmed out the Customs during a large part of her long reign. The annual sum paid by the purchaser for a year varied from £14,000 to £30,000.

A Swiss scientist has been testing the presence of bacteria in mountain air, and finds that not a single microbe exists beyond an altitude of 2,000ft. above the level of the sea.

Parisian restaurant-keepers mix a little honey with their butter. This gives it an agreeable taste and flavour, and makes inferior butter more palatable.

A man named Phillips, a plasterer, of Hastings, was drowned while bathing at St. Leonards. Some men found his clothes on the beach







